

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Noon  
Quad City Botanical Center  
2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
Olmsted Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Ralph H. Heninger*	Mr. Olin Meador
Mr. Tim Huey*	Ms. Becky Passman
Mr. William Nelson*	Mr. Doug Reynolds
Mr. Steve Clark	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Steve Grimes	Lt. Col. Jared Ware
Ms. A.J. Grunder	Ms. Kathy Wine
Mr. Tim Kammler	

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Doug DeLille

**\* Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mr. Heninger called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the November 23, 2010 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) Meeting Minutes - Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Status Report – 2040 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan – Mr. DeLille provide the Council with a handout and reviewed the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The presentation covered the planning process; an overview of the planning area; the public involvement plan; planning goals; performance objectives; passenger transportation priorities; non-motorized transportation priorities; freight transportation network proposed rail, waterway, and aviation enhancements; environmental impacts; and the financial plan. The timeline for plan completion is spring of 2011. In response to questions regarding the new I-74 bridge the Council was informed that it is a significant priority included in the plan and both the State of Iowa and the State of Illinois are committed to the project. Final Design is funded and underway and the states have programmed funds for right-of-way acquisition and several projects, such as the Lincoln Road underpass, to accommodate the alignment of the new bridge. Local leaders continue to work with state and federal elected officials to secure the additional funds needed to construct the bridge. The project must be in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to use and request federal funds.

4. Individual Riverfront Reports –

*East Moline* – Mr. Kammler stated the city is focused on development of the Case/New Holland site.

*Rock Island* – Mr. Nelson reported the Jackson Square project is underway and moving along quickly. The city is preparing to host the Train Festival 2011. On-line ticket sales for the Train Festival are going well. On Sunday the Quad City Botanical Center will have its annual Chocolate Festival. The Quad City Botanical Center is also sending out a survey to the community for use in updating the master plan.

*Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes stated the MRT project bid letting is scheduled for February 15, 2011.

*Scott County* – Mr. Huey reported that last Thursday the County Board had a public hearing for adoption of the flood insurance maps and a week from Friday will be the budget hearing.

*River Action* - Ms. Wine announced the One Watershed series airs Sunday nights and Monday mornings on the WQAD news. Work continues on the Q.C. Wild Places project to produce a brochure and map of wild places within one mile of the Quad Cities. Projects are needed from the communities to update the Riverfront Revival Q.C. poster. Communities were requested to submit projects for inclusion on the poster. We are still waiting for an answer from the Q.C. Times regarding their support and involvement on the project.

*Davenport Riverfront Taskforce* – Ms. Passman noted the taskforce was updated on the Greenvalley Park and the Credit Island Bridge projects.

*Princeton* – Ms. Grunder mentioned the mayor and city council were setting a two year to-do list and a five year priority list. The City is working on downtown revitalization and incentives for new business. There's a perspective buyer for the Kernan's property. A new railing is getting installed on the jetty.

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – Lt. Col. Ware reported that now through February 13, 2011 clock tower eagle watch tours are being offered, reservation are required and can be placed by calling 309-794-5338. The Corps website has status reports of recreation areas. The website is [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver/recstatus.htm](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver/recstatus.htm).

*Buffalo* – Mr. Meador reported efforts continue on the MRT matching funds. Two pancake breakfast fundraisers have been held and two more are planned. Working on riverfront access across the railroad tracks and working with the Corps on riverfront enhancements.

*Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark reported the Arsenal took possession of two new housing units and is acquiring property for housing the 1<sup>st</sup> Army.

5. Nominating Committee for Election of Officers. - Mr. DeLille will work with Mr. Huey on the nominating committee and a slate of officers.
6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – The Council discussed hosting the next meeting at the Bier Stube in Moline. Due to concerns with noise and meeting space, the Council decided not to meet at the Bier Stube. The Botanical Center has been reserved for the QCRFC meetings scheduled in 2011 and it was agreed to have the March meeting at the Botanical Center.
7. Other Business - Mr. DeLille reminded the group of the March deadline for submitting nominations for 2010 Certificates of Appreciation. Three nominations have been received to date.
8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.