

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, July 26, 2011, Noon  
Quad City Botanical Center  
2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
Olmsted Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Mr. Jeff Anderson     | Ms. Becky Passman     |
| Mr. Steve Clark       | Mr. Rod Simmer        |
| Mr. Jeff Craver       | Mr. Vern Spring       |
| Mr. Ralph H. Heninger | Mr. Joe Taylor        |
| Mr. Tim Huey*         | Mayor Donald Welvaert |
| Mr. Olin Meador       | Mr. Robert Wilson     |
| Mr. Bill Nelson*      | Ms. Kathy Wine*       |

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Mr. Doug DeLille | Mr. Shea Doyle |
| Ms. Ami Jenkins  |                |

**\* Current QCRFC officers**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mr. Huey called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the May 24, 2011 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heninger. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Status Report – Bix & Bikes and Update on a Busy Quad Cities Summer. Mr. Taylor reported that the QCCVB, City of Rock Island and Prestige Marketing had partnered on the Train Festival. An estimated 30,000 attended the festival and tickets sold out. The overall response was this is the best one they had attended so far. The Train Festival will not be back next year but will likely return to the Quad Cities in the future. Hotels and restaurants were thrilled with the outcome. On July 30, 2011 RAGBRAI and the Bix 7 will be in downtown Davenport. This will be the first time since 1982 that RAGBRAI has ended in Davenport. A lot of volunteers are needed for these events including “how may I help you” volunteers at St. Ambrose on Saturday. Remote parking and shuttles will be used to minimize congestion. Streetfest will be the entertainment venue for RAGBRAI.
4. Individual Riverfront Reports –

*Buffalo* – Mr. Meador announced a spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on August 11, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. to raise matching funds for the Mississippi River Trail project. Also working on a riverfront memorial and collecting funds for recycled picnic benches and tables.

*Davenport Riverfront Taskforce*– Ms. Passman reported the taskforce is in a state of

transition. Charlie Heston retired at the end of June awaiting a city designated staff person to continue the taskforce.

*Moline* – Mr. Anderson mentioned Western Illinois University Riverfront Campus Phase I is well underway and on schedule for completion in September. The Illinois Supreme Court reversed the appellate court ruling on the capital bill. The Enterprise Lofts on 17<sup>TH</sup> Street are moving along and have a live-work style framing on all four floors. Progress continues on the KONE building. The riverfront trail will be re-routed away from the plaza to along the west of RiverStation during construction of the KONE building. Main Street is being expanded. The AMTRAK transit oriented development multi-modal facility is moving along; still operating under the assumption Iowa funding is still in place. River Drive is closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 34<sup>th</sup> Street for enhancement. The annual regatta will be at the Rowing Club which now owned by the Y.

*QCCVB* – Mr. Taylor had nothing additional to add to his presentation to the Council under item 3.

*LeClaire Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Spring reminded the Council the annual Tug Fest is August 11-13, 2011.

*Port Byron* – Mr. Wilson reported progress continues on Riverfront Park with an abstract sculpture of the tug. This year will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great River Tug and by a margin of 13 to 11 wins Illinois is ahead of Iowa. Quad Cities' style pizza has made its way to Chicago. Roots restaurant is serving the pizza made with the Harris recipe.

*Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Heninger noted he is serving on the Centennial Committee for the Rotary Club in an effort to construct a gazebo at the new riverfront park in Davenport. The Rotary Club has raised approximately \$70,000 towards the new gazebo project.

*Rock Island* – Mr. Nelson mentioned Schwiebert Riverfront Park is seeing a lot of activity with Train Festival, Floatzilla, numerous weddings and a new concert series. The interactive playground has been extremely popular and playground manufacturer reported its use has exceeded similar playgrounds in New York, New Orleans, and Philadelphia. The Bi-State Regional Trails Committee is looking at a unified trail use ordinance and ADA issues related to motorized uses. A new playground is going in at Sunset Park.

*Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark reported the 1<sup>st</sup> Army is here, continuing renting homes. The Arsenal is pursuing funding for conference center and looking into and ADA playground for Memorial Park.

*Rock Island County* – Mr. Craver noted URECA assisted the Forest Preserve District with the installation of a new playground at Dorrance Park. River levels coming down will allow installation of the boat docks at the newly renovated launch at Illiniwek Park. Continue to work on renovating the campgrounds at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve. The Ralph Martin property will have a renaming dedication and become the Loud Thunder Martin Conservation

Area. Niabi Zoo completed its five year AZA inspection an announcement will be made shortly on new animals.

*River Action, Inc.* – Ms. Wine distributed information about Floatzilla. It will be in Potter Lake at Sunset Park. More than 1,619 canoes and/or kayaks are needed to break the current world record. Upper Mississippi River Conference brochures were provided to the Council. The conference will kick-off with a youth summit it also includes educational sessions and charettes. A draft of the Riverfront Revival poster was circulated and the Council was asked to review and provide comments. Other projects and events include Channel Cat Talks and Riverine Walks and the Taming of the Slough.

*Scott County* – Mr. Huey reported that he and Jeff Anderson were on the planning committee for the APA Upper Midwest Regional Conference that will be held this October in Davenport. The conference will offer orientation tours, mobile workshops, and concurrent sessions. Keynote speakers include a new urbanist and Chad Pregracke.

5. Certificates of Appreciation – The Quad City Riverfront Council awarded 2010 Certificates of Appreciation to the Quad City Botanical Center, the City of Rock Island, and The City of Moline.
6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011
7. Other Business – Mr. Doyle reminded the Council Ya Makka My Weekend is coming up and for the first time the Modern Woodman building will be open to employees.
8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.