

**Minutes of the  
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, Noon  
Sippi's Restaurant  
406 W. 2nd Street  
Davenport, Iowa

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Jeff Anderson  
Mr. Steve Clark  
Mr. Steve Grimes  
Mr. John Gripp  
Mr. Tom Hodgini  
Mr. Tim Huey\*

Mr. Tim Kammler  
Mr. Tim Knanishu  
Mr. Olin Meador  
Ms. Patsy Ramacitti  
Dr. Rodney Simmer  
Mr. Robert Wilson

\* **Current QCRFC officers**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Doug DeLille

Ms. Meghan Overton

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mr. Huey called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Approval of the November 15, 2011 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kammler. The minutes were approved as written.
3. 2011 Nominations for Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. DeLille explained that the certificates for appreciation should reflect the Council's mission of communication and collaboration of the riverfront. Nominations are due by Friday, March 9th, and will be reviewed at the March meeting. A few possible nominations discussed at the meeting were: WIU Campus, MRT trail expansion, and Port Byron riverfront development.

4. Individual Riverfront Reports –

*Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes stated that the Mississippi River Trail is completed except for the bridge deck over Duck Creek. The trail is open from Leach Park to 35th Street, remainder of trail will be completed in the spring. The scenic overlook at Elm Street is almost complete, still need to finish signage and parking in the spring. Finishing the master plan for a 100 acre park off Forest Grove Road.

*Buffalo* – Mr. Meador stated that the City is working with Bi-State Regional Commission on the Mississippi River Trail project and grants. The grant is for a new path from S. Concord to Wild Cat Den. New signs have been put up on each end of town. A new gazebo has been built and would like to add new benches at War Memorial Park. Additionally, a resident is looking to trade property with the City by the riverfront.

*East Moline* – Mr. Kammler stated that they are working on substantial improvements to Jacob's NE Park that includes a trail around the park connecting to Sugar Creek levee. Development of 10 acres will begin on the former Case New Holland site by Eagle River Development.

*IL QC Chamber Representative* – Mr. Knanishu stated that Triumph is currently examining alternative nearby sites due to new floodway maps. Triumph still plans on moving forward with the project.

*Moline* – Mr. Anderson stated that Phase I of the WIU Riverfront campus is open and classes are being held. Phase II will begin June-August, with \$39 million set aside. The train depot is currently in the path of the new I-74 bridge, it will possibly move to WIU Riverfront campus. The Enterprise Lofts on River Drive are almost complete with move in scheduled to begin in February. The Kone building is scheduled to be complete at the end of February, possible addition of ice skating rink next to building. Sylvan Island trail head is scheduled to be complete May 5th; waiting on rest room facilities and new parking. New Amtrak station architecture and engineering plans are being reviewed; RFP for developer will be sent out soon.

*National Mississippi River Parkway Commission* – Ms. Ramacitti stated that the Iowa Parkway Commission will be revising the Corridor Management Plan for the National Scenic Byways. They will hold a kick off session on January 26th with the consultant hired. The City of Bettendorf has applied for grants and if other cities are interested they can contact Ms. Ramacitti for more information. The program is also available in Illinois.

*Port Byron* – Mr. Wilson stated that the 1st phase of the riverfront project has been completed. Future plans include relocating the bike trail and further opening views of the river.

*Rock Island* – Mr. Gripp stated that they have events and concerts planned for Schwiebert Park, and will be adding boat docks. Mr. Gripp also mentioned that there will be new signage for the Rock River trails (visit [rockrivertrail.com](http://rockrivertrail.com) for more information).

*Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark stated that the BRAC realignment and closure was complete. The Davenport gate is closed except for 2 hours in the morning and evening.

*Rock Island County* – Dr. Simmer stated that an archeological survey is currently being conducted at Loud Thunder before new restrooms can be added. An ice fishing tournament is scheduled for the 1st week of February, depending on the weather. Illiniwek Park has new signage, and would like to have new signage at Loud Thunder.

*Scott County* – Mr. Huey stated that the bike trail from LeClaire to Princeton design has been approved, which will extend the bike trail from the west side of Hwy 67 through Princeton to the county line.

*U.S. Army Corp of Engineers* – Mr. Hodgini stated that the contract had been awarded for Phase I of the flood wall for the Davenport water treatment plant. Construction will begin this year and be completed around April 2013. The funding for Phase II is not yet in place. Rock Island Harbor (Sunset Park) was dredged in November.

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – Mr. DeLille stated that the next meeting will be held at a different location that is more accessible. Mr. DeLille asked for suggestions from the committee. Suggestions of the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club and The Lodge Hotel were given. Mr. DeLille also asked for presentation topic suggestions. Suggestions of the I-74 bridge, Kone Tower, Corp of Engineers permitting process, Coast Guard, and Augustana Research boat were given.
6. Other Business – Ms. Ramacitti stated that the Mississippi Valley Welcome Center is for sale for \$625,000.
7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.