

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, Noon
Arsenal Island Golf Club
312 Gillespie Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Mr. Steve Clark | Mr. Olin Meador |
| Mr. Steve Grimes | Mr. Bill Nelson* |
| Mr. Ralph Heninger | Dr. Rodney Simmer |
| Mr. Tom Hodgini | Mr. Vern Spring |
| Mr. Tim Huey* | Mr. Joe Taylor |
| Mr. Tim Kammler | Ms. Kathy Wine* |
| Mr. Tim Knanishu | |

* Current QCRFC officers

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Mr. Mike Clark | Ms. Meghan Overton |
| Mr. Doug DeLille | LTC Todd Reed |
| Ms. Sandy Doran | Dr. Joe Rives |
| Mr. Charles Heston | Mr. Myron Scheibe |
| Mr. Tom Leabhart | |

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Huey called the meeting to order welcoming all those in attendance and asked for introductions.
2. Approval of the March 27, 2012 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kammler. The minutes were approved as written.
3. 2011 Certificates of Appreciation Awards. Mr. Huey presented the awards to: Mr. Charles Heston, the City of Davenport, Quad Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and Western Illinois University. The two other recipients, the City of Rock Island and the Village of Port Byron both had presentations at their council meetings.
4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Bettendorf - Mr. Grimes stated that the MRT dedication had a great turn out. Department of Transportation Secretary LaHood was in town to discuss I-74 funding, the meeting was held in Leach Park. There will be a dedication later in the summer for the scenic overlook at 35th and Elm Streets. The City has contracted with Shive-Hattery for explore MRT alignment on

the eastern boarder of the City to the County along the paved shoulder of Hwy 67. The City is also working on many trail improvements throughout the City.

Buffalo - Mr. Meador stated that Buffalo received funding for the alignment and engineering of the MRT. There will also be a pancake breakfast on June 17th to promote the trail.

Davenport - Mr. Clark stated the River Drive is being resurfaced, work will be over the next few months and that area should be avoided. There are also trail closures near the Iowa American Water Plant. The City is working on Phase I of the River Heritage Park, the Rotary Club is providing funds for a gazebo. Veterans Memorial Park will have a plaque dedication on Memorial Day, and Credit Island trail bridge should be complete in August.

East Moline - Mr. Kammler stated that East Moline applied for a Illinois transportation enhancement program (ITEP) grant to fund a trail connecting East Moline to Silvis. The City is also moving forward with development of the former CASE site; Shive-Hattery is working on the property development. Mr. Scheibe from Shive-Hattery added that there is active development on the 150-acre site and that there will be an announcement this summer (not public knowledge yet).

IL QC Chamber Representative - Mr. Knanishu stated that there are many upcoming concerts and events on the river this summer. Ms. Wine asked if the East Moline Channel Cat dock will be open this summer; no it will not.

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Spring stated that it is the 25th anniversary of the Tug Fest, which is held in August.

QCCVB - Mr. Taylor stated that there was a great turn out for the Bettendorf trail opening. Next summer will be the Summer of Cycling (2013), bike rentals are available through the QCCVB. Nominations for the National Trail awards are now open for projects completed June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2012. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2012. Awards will be presented at the American Trails International Trails Symposium Awards Banquet April 16, 2013. More information can be found at www.AmericanTrails.org/2013/awards.html.

River Action - Ms. Wine stated that there are a lot of programs and activities this summer; QC Wild Places, Ride the River, Channel Cat Talks, Riverine Walks. Also save the date for the Upper Mississippi River Conference which will be held September 26-28. This year's theme is "Make Room for the River".

Rock Island - Mr. Nelson stated that the City will be holding movie nights and concerts beginning July through September. An ALS fundraiser concert was held two weeks ago at Schwiebert Park with 800-1,000 people attending. Mill Street is closed by Public Works, will need to use 18th Street entrance. The City is finishing the design for the "Landing at Schwiebert Park" (boat docks), with construction set for fall. The City is preparing for the Red, White, and Boom 4th of July event and will be going out for bid for the 1st phase of the Children's Garden set to open Spring 2013.

Rock Island County - Dr. Simmer stated that Illiniwek Park opened early and has been busy with campers and trail users. The shower/bath house at Loud Thunder is almost complete, electricity is the last step.

Scott County - Mr. Huey stated that the county is looking to expand the MRT up to Princeton.

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers - Mr. Hodgini stated that they are in negotiations for phase II of the Iowa American Water floodwall, goal is to be completed Spring 2013. Mill Creek Slough in Milan received approval, work began 5/21/12. Beginning 6/29/12 the Corp will have a new commander, Col. John McShane will replace Col. Shawn McGinley.

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 24, 2012. Mr. Huey stated that the July meeting is a field trip. Suggestions were asked of the attendees with the consensus being a tour of the new Western Illinois University Riverfront Campus.
6. Other Business. Ms. Wine added that the "Summer of Paddling" begins June 7th and to check River Actions website for more details and schedule of events.
7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.