

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL**
Tuesday, July 24, 2012, Noon
Western Illinois University
Riverfront Campus
3300 River Drive
Moline, IL 61265

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Steve Clark
Mr. Steve Grimes
Mr. Ralph Heninger
Mr. Tim Huey*
Mr. Tim Kammler
Mr. Tim Knanishu

Ms. Margo McInnis
Mr. Bill Nelson*
Ms. Patsy Ramacitti
LTC Todd Reed
Dr. Rodney Simmer
Mr. Bob Wilson

* Current QCRFC officers

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Stephanie Lientz
Ms. Meghan Overton
Mr. Dave Stickrod

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Huey called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of the May 22, 2012 Quad City Riverfront Council (QCRFC) meeting minutes. Mr. Kammler made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The minutes were approved as written.
3. Individual Riverfront Reports.
 - *Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes stated that the City is working on the riverfront trail extension from Riverdale to County border (with Bettendorf); City has consulted Shive-Hattery for alignment study, goal is to tie into County trail along Hwy 67. The City is also working on the Forest Grove Park Master Plan, currently identifying partnerships for the different elements of the park (i.e. Miracle Field,

a special needs baseball field that is completely handicap accessible). The City is also still working on separated trails along Devils Glen and Tanglefoot Lane, and the Duck Creek trail connection with Riverdale.

- *Buffalo* – Mr. Stickrod stated that the City has received funding for the alignment of the bike trail and the pancake breakfast last month raised \$750 for the bike trail. Local businesses are trying to promote the Buffalo beaches and establish annual activities (ex: tug o'war).
- *East Moline* – Mr. Kammler stated that the City is working with developers on the former Case property. A preliminary plat was submitted last week, and a letter of intent was received from a hotel. First phase will be a 10–20 acre development that will include commercial amenities and student housing.
- *Moline* – Mr. Anderson stated that WIU is in Phase II of the Riverfront Campus. The 14 acre site next to WIU (currently known as River Tech) just received RFP's for development. Bass Street Landing is basically complete with the completion of the KONE building. The Amtrak multi-modal station will have the station on the 1st floor and mixed use on the 2nd.
- *National Mississippi River Parkway Commission* – Ms. Ramacitti stated that funding for Iowa grants has been approved and notification should be available in 8–12 weeks. The new Federal transportation bill (Map 21) will affect the National Scenic Byway funding, it will now come through the State DOT. More information can be found at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/MAP21/>.
- *Port Byron* – Mr. Wilson stated that they are working on Phase II of the Riverfront Park. Part of Phase II includes relocating the bike path from Main Street to along the River, which should be completed at the end of August. The Village will add a courtesy dock near the boat ramp to help with congestion, which is planned to be installed the end of August. The 26th anniversary of the Tug Fest will be held in two weeks with fireworks on Friday night.
- *QCCVB* – Ms. McInnis stated the Mr. Taylor is currently attending the National Trails Conference. The Bix 7 Run and street fest are this weekend. New this year, the Bix Jazz Fest has been moved to next weekend and most of the shows have been moved to the Adler Theatre from the original location at LeClaire Park. The Heartland Jam event at Centennial Park had a great turnout with an average of

6,000 attendees each night. The ASA girls softball tournament starts this weekend at Green Valley in Moline. The QCCVB will be hosting the Midwest Travel Writers Conference in October. The conference was bid and won by the QCCVB and they are still looking for sponsorship donations. New at two of the Visitor's Centers are kid's wagons for rent. The Segway tours were advertised on Groupon (www.groupon.com), which resulted in over 300 reservations this summer.

- *Rock Island* – Mr. Nelson stated that the construction of the transient dock at Schwiebert Park (The Landing at Schwiebert Riverfront Park) will begin in October. Before construction can begin they will need to relocate mussels that are by where the dock pier will be placed. The Bike path has reopened by the water treatment plant. The July 3rd event had a record number of attendees (estimates of 8,000 at Schwiebert Park and 25,000 along the riverfront). The Floatzilla event will be held at Sunset Park in August. The Children's Garden at the Botanical Center is waiting final ok from the IDOT.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark stated that the annual Government Bridge maintenance will include paint touch ups. The work will be done between now and September with bridge closures on the weekends.
- *Rock Island County* – Dr. Simmer stated that in June they held the "Grand Illinois Trail and Park ride", where they had approximately 120 riders from 8 states participate. The park rangers report less than expected use at the parks due to the weather.

- *Scott County* – Mr. Huey stated that the county has a rezoning application to rezone 318 acres of farmland to heavy industrial. The City of LeClaire has approved large residential developments that include a 12–unit townhouse and 120–single family residents in Pebble Creek. The county would also like to extend the bike path to Princeton.
 - *U.S. Army Corp of Engineers* – LTC Reed stated that Col Mark Deschenes took over for Col Shawn McGinley. They requested \$165,000 for a study on the Davenport drainage pipe. The study will determine the cost estimate to clean out pipe, which is currently estimated at \$1 – \$1.5 million. The Mill Creek dam cleanup is complete east of 92, will begin on west of 92 soon; beavers are causing the damage. There is \$30,000 allocated for planning assistance for the Moline Rock Riverfront. Mr. Anderson added that they will hold community visioning sessions for the Rock River planning.
4. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Mr. Huey asked for program topics for the next meeting, ideas can be emailed to Bi-State.
5. Other Business. No other business.
6. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
7. WIU Campus Tour – Mr. Bill Brewer. Mr. Brewer, University Architect and Director of Facilities provided a tour of the campus.