

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITY RIVERFRONT COUNCIL (QCRFC)**

Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

Union Station Visitor's Center

102 S. Harrison Street

Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Tim Huey
Mr. Tim Knanishu*
Mr. Olin Meador
Mr. Dean Moyer
Mr. John Myer
Mr. Bill Nelson*
Ms. Sonya Paddock
Ms. Patsy Ramacitti
Ms. Kathy Wine*

***Current QCRFC Officers**

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Geoff Olson
Ms. Meghan Overton

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the QCRFC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Knanishu motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Meador seconded. Meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Presentation. Mr. Olson, Transportation Planner at Bi-State Regional Commission, gave a presentation about Trail Traffic Counters. The trail counters are from TRAFx and count through a infrared heat sensor. Counters can be custom programmed, and the program can produce many different types of charts and reports. Counters have been placed in Bettendorf, Riverdale, Moline, and Rock Island. Communities that are interested in having the counters should contact Mr. Olson at golson@bistateonline.org.
4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Buffalo – The city was approved for the MRT alignment and held a meeting with Stanley Consultants on September 17. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 3. There are two areas of the trail that have concerns (cement plant and limestone plant).

Cordova – The village is working to redevelop their riverfront and looking at examples of what other communities have done. They are also hoping to fix trail areas.

East Moline – The city is moving forward with the Case site. The city will be contributing

\$10.8 million for infrastructure development. Currently, East Moline is working on the development agreement, and work on Phase I should begin May 2014, completed by May 2015.

Moline – The city held stakeholder interviews last week for the Riverfront Plan update and will be conducting neighborhood walks next week. Phase 2 of WIU is underway and due to be complete summer/fall 2014. The city is currently working on an agreement for Riverbend site west of WIU. A development agreement is underway for Amtrak multi-modal station, and FTA has signed off.

NMRPC – Ms. Ramacitti announced her retirement from the NMRPC and that this would be her last QCRC meeting. The new Scott County representative is Glen Pelecky.

QCCVB – Mr. Huey reported that the bureau has a new logo that uses the wayfinding colors and has a similar "Q" to the Chamber's logo. New electronic kiosks are in place.

River Action – Since the last meeting, River Action has hosted Floatzilla, Senior Golf Cart tours, Taming of the Slough, and the UMRC. River Action is working on the Riverway framework plan and will be including QR codes.

Riverdale – The city received the final \$318,000 grant for MRT, but will have to wait until government reopens to receive it. Riverdale was only the community in Scott County to receive a TAP grant, and has a required a 20% match. Current, the letting is in May. The grant is reimbursable, and the city is working on payment arrangements for grant.

Rock Island – The construction of the transient docks at Schwiebert Park is underway and should be finished by the end of November. The Botanical center Children's garden is in Phase I and will include a miniature Mississippi River model that children can play in. The city just completed trail counting for month of September. Rock Island participated in the Iowa Park & Recreation conference hosted by Bettendorf. The city has found early evidence of Emerald Ash Borer and is trying to decide the best plan for ash trees.

Scott County – The county is working on updating their comprehensive plan and had a floodplain management review with DNR.

5. Other. Ms. Ramacitti mentioned that the Great River Road Comprehensive Plan is almost complete (David Dalquist Planning), and most communities will receive a copy.
6. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2013 (moved from November 26, 2013).