

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 12:00 p.m.

Union Station Visitor's Center

102 S. Harrison Street

Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson

Mr. Steve Clark

Mr. Brent Herman

Mr. Tim Huey

Mr. Tim Kammler

Mr. Tim Knanishu*

Mr. Bill Nelson*

LTC. Todd Reed

Mr. Joe Taylor

Ms. Kathy Wine*

* Current QCRFC Officers

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Meghan Overton

Mr. Dave Stickrod

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order and asked for introductions of those in attendance.
2. Approval of the QCRFC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Knanishu motioned, Mr. Clark seconded. Meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. 2013 Nominations for Certificates of Appreciation. Nominees were discussed and a preliminary list was compiled. Members were assigned to each nominee to complete a nomination form.
 - City of Rock Island – Schwiebert Park Boat Docks (Kathy Wine)
 - Village of Port Byron – Will B. Rolling Bicycle Sculpture (Joe Taylor)
 - Iowa American Water Plant – Flood Wall/Bike Path (Bill Nelson/Steve Ahrens)
 - City of Buffalo – Park/Playground improvements (Olin Meador/Dave Stickrod)
 - Upper Mississippi Riverfront Conference collaboration with National Waterfront Conference in 2013 (Tim Huey)
 - Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (Kathy Wine)
 - 75th Anniversary of the Great River Road/Great Race hosted in QC (Joe Taylor)
 - Collaboration of the USACE, RIA FD, and LeClaire FD to minimize the towboat incident (Todd Reed)
 - ALCOA – Eagle camera and educational program (Kathy Wine)
 - Two Rivers YMCA and Boat House – Adaptive Rowing Program (Brent Herman)

4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Buffalo – Will work on bank stabilization along riverfront in spring. Bike path still in works, multiple path choices.

East Moline – The Council has approved a Citywide Trail Plan. City has funding for the Breezy Hollow Trail (21st Avenue that connects to the Quarter and 7th Street). The USACE is sponsoring a flood risk management outreach meeting.

Moline – Continued to work on Riverfront Plan, public input meeting will be February 6, 2014 and plan should be complete by April. WIU hired same architect as Phase 2 to work on Phase 3 design. River Bend Commons received special use permit from Planning Committee.

Princeton – City beginning a Safe Routes to School program and continuing coordination on recreation trail along Hwy 67.

QCCVB – The City of Davenport applied to be the end City for RAGBRAI, it ultimately ended up being Guttenberg. The Great River Ride bike ride will travel through the QC in June. HR 3022 has been proposed to designate the American Discovery Trail as a National Trail. The Henry Farnam dinner will be March 21, 2014 at St. Ambrose University. Special Guest speaker is Dr. Douglas Brinkley.

River Action – Will host Earth Day event (on Arbor Day), Ride the River (6/15/14), Riverine walks will be published soon. Greenvalley project almost complete. The Upper Mississippi Riverfront Conference will be held in October and combined with the National Mayor's Initiative and Mississippi River Network.

Rock Island – The docks at Schwiebert park almost complete, ribbon cutting will be in May. Children's Garden at the Botanical Center will be open in May. MetroLINK bus stop/transfer station is open. EAB has been found in the City, will do tree inventory this summer and treat/remove as necessary.

Rock Island Arsenal – Will have the Rock Island entrance closed for approximately 2 months (Spring/Summer) for repairs. Will still be able to access the island through Davenport and Moline gates.

Scott County – The County and the QC Chamber are co-hosting an economic development workshop in February, registration is through the Chamber.

USACE – Minor cleanup left on the south side of Mill Creek slough. Focus was on the LeClaire tugboat incident last few months.

5. Other. Next meeting will be held at the Botanical Center in Rock Island.

6. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014.