

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 12:00 p.m.

Union Station Visitor's Center
102 S. Harrison Street
Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Steve Clark	Mr. Dean Moyer
Mr. Steve Grimes	Mr. John Myers
Mr. Ralph Heninger	Ms. Sonya Paddock
Mr. Tim Huey	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Tim Knanishu *	Mr. Keith Youngers
Mr. Olin Meador	

*Current QCRFC Officers

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Ami Jenkins	Mr. Nathan Richards
Ms. Meghan Overton	Mr. Dave Searle

1. Call Meeting to Order. Mr. Knanishu called the meeting to order and asked for introductions of those in attendance.
2. Approval of the QCRFC January 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Huey motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Meador seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Approval of the 2013 Certificate of Appreciation Nominees. Four nominations for the 2013 Certificate of Appreciation were submitted. Mr. Huey motioned for approval, and Mr. Heninger seconded. All nominees were approved. Meetings will be scheduled to present the awards.
 - Village of Port Byron – Will B. Rolling Bicycle Sculpture
 - 75th Anniversary of the Great River Road/ Great Race
 - Collaboration of LeClaire FD, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, USACE, and Iowa DNR in response to the sinking of the Stephen L. Colby towboat
 - City of Davenport, Iowa-American Water Plant, and USACE – construction of the flood wall
4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

Bettendorf – The city is working with the University of Northern Iowa on an Economic Development Plan. The plan will have a riverfront focused component.

Buffalo – The bank stabilization program will be completed in summer. The city is working on the preliminary engineering for the MRT.

Cordova – Cordova is working on riverfront projects, and the council approved applying for grant funding.

East Moline – The city council approved the citywide trail plan.

Princeton – The city is working on developing recreation trails and will be dredging on River Drive.

QCCVB – The international sales and business trade show will be in Chicago April 5-9. Working with tourism bureaus in Iowa, the QCCVB will be hosting events for Chicago attendees in the QC. One event is agricultural themed and the other is Mississippi River themed. Upcoming meetings are: Iowa Great River Road Stakeholders, Illinois Bicycle Summit, and Iowa Trails.

Riverdale – The letting date for the MRT is August, and the city will hold a public hearing in the next 4 weeks. Ground breaking will be September/October with construction expected to last 6 weeks.

Rock Island Arsenal – The arsenal has a \$60 million energy savings contract for factory updates. They are building 30 new military homes.

Scott County – Scott County is serving on the panel for the Great River Road stakeholders meeting in Davenport. The county is waiting for the spring flood predictions.

USACE – USACE held levee public meetings earlier in the month in Peoria. The Rock Island District is the National Flood Fight Center for the U.S. and distributes supplies nationally. USACE will be partnering with local STEM outreach program as part of the leadership development program.

5. Presentation. Ms. Jenkins (QC Botanical Center Director) and Mr. Searle (QC Botanical Center Head Gardner) presented on the new Children's Garden. The Phase I of the garden will open in May, and the design is based on the Mississippi River (headwaters to the delta). Phase I includes the entry plaza (donated by the Rock Island Rotary Club) and the delta wading pool. The total project is approximately \$10 million and will include Phase II, which will be the headwaters and educational center. Future plans also include a eagle outlook and small scale working farm replica.
6. Other. None
7. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014.