

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

Tuesday, July 22, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
Jimmie Lee's Restaurant
108 S. Main Street
Port Byron, IL 61275

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Steve Clark	Mr. John Myer
Mr. Steve Grimes	Ms. Sonya Paddock
Ms. AJ Grunder	LTC. Todd Reed
Mr. Tim Huey	Dr. Rod Simmer
Mr. Kevin Klute	Mr. Vern Spring
Mr. Tim Knanishu*	Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Dean Moyer	

*Current QCRFC Officers

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Bill Grunder	Ms. Meghan Overton
Mr. Gabriel Martin	Mr. Bryan Schmid

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Knanishu at 12:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the July 22, 2014 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Huey seconded. Meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Presentation - Riverfront Projects in Communities under 5,000.** Communities discussed current and future projects along their riverfronts.
 - *Cordova* - The Village is applying for a boat grant, still working on the final design. Grants are due the beginning of September.
 - *Princeton* - The City is working on residential multi-family housing near the riverfront. Working on creating "pocket parks". Dredged the canoe-kayak access point. Created an Economic Development City Group, one of the first goals is to create a B&B. Would like to see the old restaurant building repurposed.
 - *Port Byron* - The Village completed a downtown revitalization plan with MSA. Will finish new water main extension in October. Getting ready for the Tug Fest in August. Plan to landscape the riverfront park. Mr. Moyer commented that at the golf cart tours last year Port Byron passed out a Village brochure with the history that was neat. The golf cart tours are aimed at seniors and they are an annual event that tour along the bike paths. Mr. Huey asked if the QCCVB promote the tug fest. Mr. Taylor replied that yes it is on their website and in the summer promotions. Mr. Huey added that it is a unique two-state event and a real success story.
 - *Riverdale* - The City will begin construction on the MRT in October, which should last about six weeks (landscaping will be completed in the spring). The City is considering some type of signage on the trail for emergency purposes. Mr. Grimes commented that uniform signage is

a challenge regionally between each community. Ms. Paddock added that the thought was every 1/10th of a mile.

- *LeClaire* - Mr. Spring commented that the Chamber is gearing up for Tug Fest, and the Freedom Rock Fest concert.

4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

- *Bettendorf* - Bettendorf is working on the street realignment downtown for the new I-74 bridge. The Isle of Capri is moving to a land base casino, behind the hotel. The City is updating their comp plan, and will hold their first public focus group meeting 7/22/14. Conducting a study of the recreation facilities, with short and long term possibilities. City applied for money to continue the trail from Riverdale to LeClaire.
- *East Moline/REDEEM* - Continuing work on Fountainhead site.
- *Princeton* - The council approved to update the City's comp plan. Many events happening in August; Car Show, Princeton Days, Parade. Upgrading all lights to LED. Raising money for the community center. Received a park grant for tree plantings. City is considering a small dog park, funded through donations. Continuing fundraising for MRT, held fundraiser 5K last year. Would like to connect to Lost Grove Lake to bring visitors to Princeton.
- *QCCVB* - The Centennial Bridge closure date has been changed to August 3rd. Channel Cat resumed routes, and the Queen boats will be in town August 13th. The Trails for Illinois bicycle ride at the end of June had 45 participants.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* - Has received all funding for projects, and the viaduct project will begin after the Centennial Bridge closure.
- *Rock Island County* - Illiniwek Park has been cleaned up since the floods. Trails for Illinois bike ride camped overnight at Illiniwek. Loud Thunder stayed open during the flooding, and campgrounds are having a good season.
- *Scott County* - The County is working with DNR to assign addresses for Lost Grove Lake (rural Scott County). Development will not be allowed around the lake, nearby cities will need to be the source of supplies. County will have their annual floodplain audit next month.
- *USACE* - L&D 12-22 were shut down from flooding, and programs are available for any levees damaged (30 days to apply). The contract award for the government sewer cleanout was delayed. The USACE is encouraging life jackets, has noticed a trend of boaters not wearing them. LTC Reed announced that his tour at Rock Island is up in January.

5. **Tour of Port Byron's Riverfront.** Mayor Klute gave a walking tour and discussed the current plans for Port Byron's riverfront.

6. **Other.** None.

7. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Location TBD.