

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 12:00 p.m.  
Union Station Visitor's Center  
102 S. Harrison Street  
Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

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| Ms. Molly Carlson | Mr. Bill Nelson* |
| Mr. Steve Clark   | Mr. Greg Rankin  |
| Mr. Tim Huey      | LTC. Dan Segura  |
| Mr. Tim Knanishu* | Dr. Rod Simmer   |
| Mr. Olin Meador   | Ms. Kathy Wine*  |
| Mr. Dean Moyer    |                  |

*\*Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

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| Ms. Meghan Overton | Mr. Mike Panilo |
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1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nelson at 12:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the January 27, 2015 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Huey, and Mr. Clark seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Officer Nomination and Vote.** New officer terms were discussed. Officer positions are for two years (up in May). Options include a vote on all new members or have the current Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer move up to President and Vice President and nominate a new Secretary/Treasurer. The council decided on the latter, and after discussion, Mr. Steve Clark was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer. Officers for the May 2015-2017 term are: President – Ms. Kathy Wine; Vice President – Mr. Tim Knanishu; and Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Steve Clark.
4. **Certificates of Appreciation 2014 Nominations and Vote.** Nominations for the 2014 Certificates of Appreciation were submitted with two nominees: Go Fish Marina Bar and Grill and WIU Phase II. Additional nominations were submitted at the meeting for City of Rock Island – Day Docks at Schwiebert Park; Metrolink – Construction of the Bus Transfer Station; Metrolink – Development of the Bus Operations Center; and Rock River Trails Initiative – Development of bike and water trails. Nominations were discussed and all were voted on as awardees. The meeting location was also discussed with the Figge, Putnam Museum, and the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse discussed as possibilities.
5. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**
  - *Buffalo* – Construction of the MRT has been delayed to Spring 2016. The city is working on phase II of IV of a riverfront bank stabilization project.

- *Cordova* – The village is waiting to hear if grant for a boat ramp will be funded through Illinois DNR. Leaders would also like to add a bike path to Village Park.
  - *East Moline* – Construction on Fountainhead began 3/23, and hotel construction will start in June. Phase I will be 40 acres with an 18-month construction timeline and will include 2 hotels, restaurants, and retail. Phase II will be 90 acres with only preliminary plans in place.
  - *LeClaire Chamber* – The city is working on marketing itself as a destination spot and grow tourism. Grace Marine held its Grand Opening, and there are a few road projects coming up including I-80 bridge closures.
  - *QCCVB* – “GOAT” Go out and trail ride is on Mother’s Day weekend. New this year is the addition of including Illinois. The QC Criterion will be in the East Village of Davenport Memorial Day weekend; Missouri Valley Conference (women’s basketball) is coming in 2016; and Viking Cruises are coming in 2017.
  - *River Action* – Upcoming events include Henry Farnam dinner, Fish & Fire Earth Day event, and Green Valley clean up. A four-month bike share study launched. A Floatzilla display was at the Canoecopia trade show in Madison. First Bridge project will be on kick starter.
  - *Rock Island* – Upcoming events include GOAT ride on May 9, Navy week beginning May 7, Egg Hunt at Lincoln Park, and Illinois Wine Fest at Schwiebert Park. Schwiebert Park is booked full of events every weekend from May through October.
  - *Rock Island County* – All parks will be open beginning in April. There is a new office building at Loud Thunder, and all park operations will be run through there (rentals, convenience store, etc.). There are new campsites at Loud Thunder (9 primitive/ 20 electrical). Illiniwek Park will have bike paths repaired and a prairie habitat. The county is looking for options of what to do with the ball park (keep, change, etc.)
  - *Scott County* – There is an expansion in LeClaire of the brewery, Barrel House, and distillery. The county is administering Pleasant Valley’s floodplain. There is a new housing project near Pebble Creek in LeClaire.
  - *USACE* – The L&D are currently open and operating. If any of the communities have projects or need information they can contact LTC Segura. A question was asked if the current L&D will be able to accommodate the new Viking Cruise lines, and from the information they have so far, the answer is yes.
6. **Other.** Mr. Panilo, engineer at the RIA discussed the upcoming Arsenal bridge construction and closures at the Rock Island entrance. The entire bridge will be shut down from April 13 through end of May/beginning of June. The entire Fort Armstrong corridor will be shut down to minimize closure time and make the construction process easier. The RIA is also working on having bike access from the Moline entrance to the Arsenal this spring/summer. Additionally, there was discussion on the grant freeze in Illinois, specifically the OSLAD (DNR) grants. Locally affected are the Botanical Center, Moline, Geneseo, and New Boston.
7. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015, location TBD.