

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 12:00 p.m.  
Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse  
1838 Gillespie Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson	Mr. Tim Kammler
Ms. Molly Carlson	Mr. Tim Knanishu*
Mr. Steve Clark*	Mr. Dean Moyer
Mr. Steve Grimes	Mr. Bill Nelson
Ms. AJ Grunder	Dr. Rod Simmer
Mr. Brian Grunder	Ms. Kathy Wine*
Mr. Tim Huey	

*\*Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Greg Farnham	Ms. Meghan Overton
Mr. John Kay	Mr. Paul Plagenz
Ms. Kris Kay	Mr. Frank Schier

- 1. Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Wine and introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of the March 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Knanishu, and Mr. Nelson seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
- 3. Certificates of Appreciation Awards Presentation.**
  - *Go Fish Marina, Bar and Grill* – For the improvements and increased economic development along the riverfront. This development has contributed to the enhancement of the City of Princeton’s riverfront. Presented to Mr. John and Ms. Kris Kay.
  - *Rock River Trails Initiative* – For the ongoing development of bike and water trails along the Rock River. These developments have contributed to the enhancements and recognition of the riverfront. Presented to Mr. Frank Schier and Mr. Greg Franham.
  - *Western Illinois University* – For the completion of Phase II of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. The completed facility has contributed to the enhancement of the downtown Moline riverfront. Presented to Dr. Joe Rives and Mr. Paul Plagenz.
  - *MetroLINK* – For the development of the bus operations center. The completed facility has contributed to the enhancement of the downtown Rock Island riverfront (award will be presented to Mr. Jeff Nelson at a later date)
  - *MetroLINK* – For the construction of the bus transfer station. The completed facility has contributed to the enhancement of the downtown Rock Island riverfront (award will be presented to Mr. Jeff Nelson at a later date)
  - *City of Rock Island* – For the development of the Day Docks at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. This development has contributed to the enhancement and recreational amenities for the City of Rock Island’s riverfront (award will be presented to the City at a later date)

#### 4. Individual Riverfront Reports.

- *Bettendorf* – Isle of Capri expansion and land based casino project began. Downtown construction, roadway reconstruction, and building demolitions ongoing for new I-74 bridge. Working on MRT extensions from Riverdale to Bettendorf and then eventually connect into county trails up to Princeton.
- *Cordova* – Waiting to hear if grant for boat ramp will be funded though Illinois DNR, Village will move forward with project regardless.
- *East Moline* – Fountainhead project moving forward; construction to begin in July. Phase I will be the first 40 acres and include 2 hotels and 3 apartment buildings with retail space. Phase I will be complete in fall 2016.
- *Moline* – Plans for WIU Phase III and Riverbend Commons Phase II. Multi-modal riverfront transportation plan (connects Rock Island-Moline-East Moline). Sylvan Island bridge project; environmental review/ mussel study going on, once that is complete can move on to phase II engineering with construction in 2017.
- *Princeton* – Main Street Iowa is conducting an assessment. Holding breakfast for TOMROV next weekend. Garden walk June 3, Princeton Days July 31-August 2. Holding 5K trail fundraiser run.
- *QCCVB* – “GOAT” Go out and trail ride was held on Mother’s day weekend. New this year is the addition of including Illinois. RAGBRAI and BIX are the same weekend this year. Will to Ben bike event (media event this week) is a ride from Port Byron to Sparta, WI that will be held in the fall. Great Race car race will be June 26.
- *River Action* – Kickstarter fundraising in the last 30 hours for bridge project (currently at 70%). In middle of bike share study, consultants were hired and public hearing will be June 2.
- *Rock Island* – “GOAT” Go out and trail ride was held on Mother’s day weekend. Navy week event was held. The DNR is coming to inspect the docks at Schwiebert Park. Upcoming events; June 6 – Laura’s Legacy ALS fundraiser, July 4 – Red, White, and Boom, Ride the River, and beginning September 3 concerts Friday nights for 2 months at Schwiebert. Whitewater Junction opens this weekend. QC Botanical Center Children’s Garden Phase II funding has been froze by the State.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* – New military family housing being built, will be single family subdivision style housing near the clubhouse.
- *Rock Island County* – Loud Thunder has a new office. Illiniwek bike path patching done. Have had good numbers of campers this year. New wolf pups at Niabi. Looking for funding to renovate dam at Loud Thunder; additional campsites made the classification go up and drain plug needs to be located.
- *Scott County* – Campgrounds are open. The QC Criterium will be in the East Village this upcoming weekend. The old Pierce School in Davenport is being renovated into market rate apartments.

5. **Other.** Discussion on the July field trip, send ideas to Meghan.

6. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Location TBD.