

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
The Faithful Pilot
117 N. Cody Road
LeClaire, Iowa 52753

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Steve Clark*
Mr. Steve Grimes
Ms. AJ Grunder
Mr. Brian Grunder
Mr. Tim Huey
Ms. Patty Morgan

Mr. Bill Nelson
Mayor Robert Scannell
Dr. Rod Simmer
Mr. Joe Taylor
Mr. Scott Tunnicliff
Ms. Kathy Wine*

**Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Mike Clingsmith
Ms. Debbie Mulvania

Ms. Gena McCullough
Mr. Taylor Beswick

- 1. Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Wine and introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of the May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Huey, and Mr. Grimes seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
- 3. Individual Riverfront Reports.**
 - *Bettendorf* – Bicycle Friendly Communities application has been submitted and hoping for bronze level designation. Revised Comprehensive Plan and revised zoning ordinances to make better use of downtown. Ross’ is moving to 53rd Avenue later this summer. Forest Grove Park Development is in Phase I – dedication to be in 2016. New artwork has been purchased to be displayed in public areas.
 - *Bi-State* – Ms. McCullough reported that input for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan will be taken later this year. Bettendorf is updating their Parks and Recreation Plan with Bi-State. Mr. Beswick reported on a CDC – Partnerships to Improve Community Health grant, which Bi-State is participating. Bi-State is developing three Safe Routes to Schools plans per year and an interactive trails web application for the QC area.
 - *Moline* – Phase III planning for WIU west of bridge is currently being done and Phase I is occupied by interns this summer. Third/River Drive I-74 Bridge ramps are open. Sylvan Island bridge planning underway – currently conducting environmental assessment – estimated completion in 2017. Moline Amtrak Station funds from Illinois suspended and are being temporarily covered by MetroLINK and City of Moline. Summer concerts at Bass St. Landing continue during summer months.
 - *Princeton* – Princeton parade and Princeton Days occurring this weekend. Fire Department is having a farmer’s market and water fight on 8/23.
 - *QCCVB* – Financial challenges in Illinois QC especially with Illinois budget situation. RICO Board interested in funding opportunities.

- *LeClaire* – British auto club is visiting 8/1. Tugfest is the weekend of 8/14. American Queen will be docking at Oneida Landing in Davenport on 8/20 with bus tours coming to LeClaire. Corvette club is visiting the weekend of 9/5. Applefest and Witches Walk are both scheduled for October. The Scott Co. Freedom Rock is located in LeClaire on the levee. New Brewery will be opening this month.
 - *River Action* – Bike share input map had a good turnout, results will be shared at a later date. Green Valley – Hennepin Canal Park is being dredged with the DNR for a portage area. Upper Mississippi River Conference scheduled for 10/14 to 10/16 at the River Center in Davenport.
 - *Rock Island* – New police station is scheduled to be finished in October of 2015. Many events occurring at Schweibert Park, including weddings and school events. Concert series moves from Moline to Rock Island in September occurring weekly on Thursday nights.
 - *Rock Island Arsenal* – New family housing delayed – could limit the number to be built. New security on the island starts in August. Visitors on the RIA without a common access card will have to go through a 10-15 minute security check. Remodeling for increased visitors and que. Law enforcement presentation at the next QCRFC meeting.
 - *Rock Island County* – Administration is conducting three strategic planning input sessions. Loud Thunder Park receiving new office and work is being done to get the spillway up to federal standards. Illiniwik Park has the following events scheduled: Geocaching, GIT bike ride, vintage camper rally, Labor Day picnic. A wetland project is occurring west of the baseball diamond and the prairie project is developing well. A dock modification is planned to make it more accessible.
 - *Scott County* – Bix and RAGBRAI commenced well. Finishing remodeling of courthouse.
- 4. Other Business.** No other business was discussed. LeClaire representatives at the meeting invited those interested and willing to brave the rain on a tour of town after the meeting.
- 5. Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2015. The location will be at Union Station in Davenport.