

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

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Union Station Visitor's Center
102 S. Harrison Street
Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

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| Mr. Jeff Anderson | Mr. Tim Huey |
| Ms. Molly Carlson | Ms. Katie Tolley |
| Mr. Steve Clark | Ms. Kathy Wine* |
| Mr. Steve Grimes | |

**Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

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| Mr. Taylor Beswick | Ms. Lisa Miller |
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1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Wine at 12:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the January 26, 2015 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Huey, and Mr. Anderson seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Presentation - QCTrails.org Launch and Demonstration – Lisa Miller, Bi-State Regional Commission.** Newly launched trails mobile-interactive website highlights trails and outdoor activity locations in the Quad Cities. Ms. Miller shared that the aim of the trails website is to encourage increased physical activity for the region and beyond. Development of the website is being funded by a three year Centers for Disease Control: Partnerships to Improve Community Health Grant. The \$850,000 grant includes four initiatives: Healthy Foods, School Wellness, Safe Routes to School, and Interactive Trails Website. Additionally, QCTrails.org strives to create partnerships locally and promote active living through other trails-based initiatives and annual events. Ms. Miller stated the website currently has 60 trails identified and is continuing to work with partners to add more going forward.
4. **Certificate of Appreciation Awards 2015 Nomination and Vote.** A final discussion of nominees was conducted by the council. Mr. Huey then motioned to hold a vote of approval for the nominees and Mr. Clark seconded. The council voted unanimously in approval for awarding all the 2015 Certificate of Appreciation nominees.

The Quad City River Council recognizes the 2015 Certificate of Appreciation Award recipients as follows:

- Ami Jenkins, Quad City Botanical Center – Development of the first phase of Children’s Garden
- Steve Grimes and other Quad Cities Parks and Recreation Directors – Get Out and Ride Event (G.O.A.T.)
- Sonya Paddock, City of Riverdale – Mississippi River Trail Extension
- Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau; City of Davenport; and the Quad City Times Bix 7 – RAGBRAI and Quad City Times Bix 7 event coordination

5. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

- *Bi-State* – Mr. Beswick and Ms. Miller had nothing in addition to QCTrails.org to report.
- *Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes reported that bid is out for a trail extension from Federal Street to 62nd Street Court. Construction on the extension is expected to begin this summer.
- *Moline* – Mr. Anderson reported that Western Illinois University is seeking funding for phase III of its river campus project. An RFP had been out for development of the Spiegel Building located upriver of the I74 Bridge. All proposals were rejected but proposals are currently being retooled. Sylvan Island mussel survey was completed in fall of 2015 and construction is expected for fiscal year 2017. The Moline Historic Preservation Commission, in conjunction with Moline Centre and the City of Moline, is proud to announce the rollout of a new Self-Guided Heritage Walking Tour on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- *Princeton* – Ms. Tolley had nothing to report for Princeton.
- *QCCVB* – Ms. Carlson reported that the American Discovery Trail Headquarters will have physical space in Union Station. Also, rental bikes are being retooled and maintained next week.
- *River Action* – The theme for this year’s Upper Mississippi River Conference is fixing the river’s ‘D’ grade. Ms. Wine handed out brochures to the council as well a list of River Action Events for 2016.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* – Mr. Clark reported there have been no changes in security procedures to enter Arsenal Island. Visitors who do not possess a CAC card will need to enter through the Moline gate.
- *Scott County* – Mr. Huey reported that Scott County is working on an integrated roadside vegetation management plan as well as reworking some zoning ordinances.

6. **Other Business.** The next meeting was decided to be held at Union Station.

7. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at Union Station Visitor’s Center in Davenport.