

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

Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Union Station Visitor's Center
102 S. Harrison Street
Davenport, IA 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Ms. Molly Carlson
Mr. Steve Grimes
Mr. Ralph Heninger
Dr. Rodney Simmer
Ms. Kathy Wine*
**Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Patty Pearson

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Wine at 12:15 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the September 27, 2016 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Simmer seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Discussion of potential speakers for 2017.**
 - (January Meeting) Presentation on bald eagles, osprey, sandhill cranes, and other wildlife changes in our area. Possible speaker Kristen Lundh at Fish & Wildlife. Rock Island County is also looking to do a bald eagle study at Loud Thunder.
 - (March Meeting) Update on I-74 Bridge by Bi-State. (Denise Bulat has agreed to give the update for Bi-State.) Include reports on Moline and Bettendorf Riverfronts around the new bridge by Steve Grimes/Jeff Anderson.
 - (Summer) Steve Grimes suggested a presentation by Isle of Capri on the proposed jetty project in Bettendorf.
 - (Late Fall) Update on the I-74 mussel relocation project. Was the relocation successful? John Duyvejunck possible speaker.
 - (?) Lock & dam project update – speaker to be determined.

4. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

- *Bettendorf* – Mr. Grimes reported on the riverfront trail extension to Riverdale. Bettendorf is also acquiring additional land around the new I-74 Bridge to expand greenspace and Leach Park.
- *Rock Island County Forest Preserve* – Dr. Simmer reported that efforts have been underway to expand trails in Port Byron and Dorrance Park. Also, Illiniwek Park has new prairie grass and new bike trails. Three hundred trees were delivered to Loud Thunder for planting, and 4½ miles of trails were improved by River Action volunteers. A bald eagle study is also underway at Loud Thunder.
- *QC Center Convention & Visitors Bureau* – Ms. Carlson reported that Amtrak is set to begin operation to Moline in 2018. She also reported that the American Queen will be docking in the area of the old Isle of Capri boat. The economic impact of the boats is 2.2 million since 2012 and 14 local jobs. The American Queen makes four stops, and the Duchess makes three to four stops per year.

5. **Other Business.** The next meeting will be held at Union Station.

6. **Meeting Adjourned.** Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017.