

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.
Union Station Visitor's Center
102 S. Harrison Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson

Ms. Katie Enloe

Mr. Ralph H. Heninger**

Mr. Tim Kammler

Mr. Tim Knanishu*

Mr. Jeff Reiter

Mr. Rod Simmer

* *Current QCRFC Officers*

** *QCRFC representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Tara Cullison

Mr. Bob Gallagher

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Knanishu at 12:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of the September 25, 2018 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Reiter. Mr. Simmer seconded the motion to approve the September 25, 2018 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Presentation on 2018 Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) Annual Meeting.**
Mr. Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf and MRCTI Secretary, reported to the group some recent developments of the MRCTI and topics discussed at the 2018 Annual Meeting held in the Quad Cities. The MRCTI was founded in 2011 and is made up of 124 cities and towns along the main stem of the Mississippi River. The Initiative addresses matters of concern, including: river water quality and habitat restoration, sustainable economies, climate disaster resilience and adaptation, water security, and river culture.

Of the 120 attendees at the 2018 Annual Meeting, 30 were mayors from the watershed. Other elected officials from both federal and state agencies were in attendance. This year's meeting was the best attended in MRCTI history. The welcoming reception and opening ceremony was held at Schweibert Park.
4. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**
 - *Bettendorf* – Mr. Reiter reported that the arches for the new I-74 bridge will be arriving and going up soon. Also making headway are the Bridges Lofts project, expecting their first residents starting December 3, 2018. Lastly, Mr. Reiter discussed that Bettendorf is looking into foreign investment strategies to further develop the City's riverfront.

- *East Moline* – Mr. Kammler reported the IL 92 Corridor Study RFQ is out. The Bend site is progressing with four other development projects in the works, one being a convention center. Mr. Kammler also informed the Council that East Moline’s levees were found to be fine after inspection. However, the latest flood caused some minor scouring and the damage is eligible for federal funding to stabilize.
- *Moline* – A study is in the works to consider potential redevelopment ideas for the old I-74 bridge area once it is removed (7th Avenue to the river). This will include a park plan concept that will refine public access from the riverfront to I-74. Mr. Anderson also informed the group of Moline’s plans to complete a Riverfront Art Plan that will focus on the downtown and Moline Centre. Further, the Captain’s Table is estimated to open for business during the summer of 2019. The North Slope Wastewater Treatment Plant, a \$40 million investment, is complete and had a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October. Lastly, Mr. Anderson reported that two separate pots of funding are being utilized to connect the Great River Trail to both the I-74 bridge and Avenue of the Cities.
- *QC Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Knanishu informed the group that the Hyatt at East Moline’s, The Bend, will be open to guests on December 12 and a ribbon-cutting event will take place on December 14. The event/convention center planned for development at The Bend should be open in May of 2019 and will hold 400 people. The first of the planned apartment complexes at The Bend should start construction soon and will contain about 70-80 market rate units. It is to open around May or June of 2019. To add, East Moline Glass Co. renovated one of the buildings on the old industrial site.
- *Rock Island County* – Mr. Simmer reported that the lighting project at Dorrance Park in Port Byron is now complete. Work on the dam at Lake George will move forward after road construction on Loud Thunder Road is done and the Loud Thunder Forest Preserve is moving forward with improvements to the campground.

5. **Announcements.** No announcements were made.

6. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad City Riverfront Council will be January 22, 2019.

7. **Other Business.** There was no other business.

8. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**