

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
WEBINAR MEETING

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Larry Burns*
Mr. Ralph Heninger**
Mr. Tim Kammler

Mr. Tim Knanishu*
Mr. Rod Simmer
* *Current QCRFC Officers*
** *QCRFC Representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Tara Cullison
Mr. George Ryan

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Knanishu at 12:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of the January 28, 2020 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Kammler. Mr. Burns seconded the motion to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Presentation on I-74 Bridge Project Progress.** Mr. Ryan, I-74 Corridor Manager, provided a presentation to the group on the recent accomplishments and traffic changes involving the I-74 project. Project highlights include the installation of the Westbound Keystone archway piece on May 6 and the floor module/roadway surface elements on the westbound lanes on July 16. Mr. Ryan updated the Council on the project schedule. The current goal for westbound side is open up to traffic by the end of 2020. Eastbound is anticipated to be completed approximately one year after westbound completion. Traffic will be moved to the westbound bridge deck as soon as possible, to help with traffic congestion and ensure seamless continuation of the construction activities.
4. **Officer Nominations & Vote.** Mr. Knanishu informed the group that the following nominations were made by the Officer Nomination Committee for Quad Cities Riverfront Council Officers, and all of the following have accepted their nominations:

President – Larry Burns
Vice President – Molly Otting-Carlson
Secretary/Treasurer – Jeff Anderson

Mr. Kammler made a motion to approve the officer nominations, and Mr. Heninger seconded. New officers beginning their term July 28, 2020 are: Mr. Larry Burns, President; Ms. Molly Otting-Carlson, Vice President; and Mr. Jeff Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer.

According to the By-Laws, the term of office shall be for one year, and all officers may be re-elected for a second term, but no officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years,

unless the Council approves the continuation by vote of the majority present and discussion regarding performance of duties and attendance of officer.

5. **Certificates of Appreciation Nominations & Vote.** Ms. Cullison explained that the following people/organizations (also listed on the meeting agenda) were nominated to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Quad Cities Riverfront Council for their work to develop/improve the riverfront during the calendar year of 2019.

- Larry Anderson, The Rust Belt and East Moline Glass
- American Queen Group, river cruise development
- Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation, I-74 bridge project
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, flood management and coordination

Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the listed people/organizations to receive Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. Burns seconded, and the motion carried.

6. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

- *Davenport* – A survey administered by the Downtown Davenport Partnership for their downtown plan is open. Councilmembers are encouraged to complete the survey and share with their relevant contacts.
- *East Moline* – Levee bank restoration project is to begin soon.
- *Moline* – The new owner of The Mills Commons is rebranding the apartment complex to appease higher end renters.
- *Rock Island County* – Camping at the County Forest Preserve sites has drastically increased from this time last year. COVID-19 is the likely culprit. Preserves are seeing much more hiking and biking trails being utilized, but admissions to Niabi Zoo are down. Courthouse demolition is still on hold and in process of a SHPO review.

7. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad Cities Riverfront Council will be September 22, 2020.

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

9. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:56 p.m.**