

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
WEBINAR MEETING

Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Larry Burns*
Lt. Col. John Fernas
Mr. Ralph Heninger**
Mr. Tim Kammler
Mr. Tim Knanishu
Mr. Geoff Manis

Ms. Molly Otting Carlson*
Mr. James Peterson
Mr. Jeff Reiter

* *Current QCRFC Officers*
** *QCRFC Representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Katelyn Miner
Mr. Zach Peterson

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Burns at 12:03 p.m. Introductions were made by all those in attendance.
2. **Approval of the January 26, 2021 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Heninger made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes. Mr. Kammler seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Presentation on Downtown Davenport Food Truck Court & Main Street Landing.** Mr. Peterson presented on the new developments and riverfront planning process in Davenport. These new developments included the main street landing that now is available for food trucks, entertainment, and other events. The grand opening of this riverfront area has not been scheduled yet, but is planned to occur spring 2021. Mr. Peterson also spoke of some hurdles and complications that the city of Davenport had to overcome during the planning process. This included the CP Rail Company needing to raise the tracks by 4 feet near the riverfront. Solutions were made between the city of Davenport and the Rail Company to keep the area accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians while the railroad still met minimum standards. Overall, the city of Davenport is continuing to develop the riverfront block-by-block from a new artistic standpoint with their plan revised in 2019.
4. **Secretary/Treasurer Nomination & Vote.** Due to Mr. Huey retiring and unable to take the nomination as the new Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Burns asked for a new nomination. A brief discussion was held between the Council, and Mr. Reiter stepped forward to nominate himself. Ms. Otting-Carlson motioned to approved Mr. Reiter's nomination, and Mr. Knanishu seconded the motion. The nomination and vote for Mr. Reiter as the new Secretary/Treasurer was approved unanimously.
5. **Certificates of Appreciation Nomination & Vote.** The Council discussed and narrowed down the nomination list to four candidates for the Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. Burns decided that more information was needed on these nominations before voting on them, and thus the vote was tabled until the next meeting in May.

6. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

- *Visit Quad Cities* – Monthly calls are being made with hotel groups Illinois to discuss tourism potential, and restaurants are also being considered. The Illinois Representative is being discussed with during this process. The biking contract in Illinois is also being finalized.
- *Bettendorf* – The lights on the I-74 Bridge are being tested. The urban park under the I-74 Bridge contract has a letting date of this fall. The elevator structure for the Bridge is still under construction, and using steel for the elevator outside of the U.S. is being negotiated. Electrical hook-ups are being installed in Jetty Park & Plaza for outdoor entertainment this summer.
- *Rock Island County* – The county is preparing to open campgrounds for the summer. Loud Thunder campground now has an online reservation system. Niabi Zoo is \$10,000 shy of their goal for the new rhino improvements project and will be opening to the public next month.
- *East Moline* – The Grand Illinois Trail project is wrapping up with construction officially taking place in May.

7. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad Cities Riverfront Council will be May 25, 2021.

8. **Other Business.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. by consensus.