

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

6th Floor Conference Room
Scott County Administration Center
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Griffith opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2023 – The minutes from the January 26, 2023 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on Bike and Pedestrian Improvements in LeClaire. – Mr. Ludwig provided a detailed update on the proposed improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists in the city of LeClaire. The city is continuing its sidewalk program, filling in gaps in the current network, and improving ADA ramps in select locations. The city undertook a community survey to gauge citizen interests and priorities for the future of parks and recreation in the city. Results from the survey yielded a preference for an expanded and connected trail network as the highest priority. Trails are in progress along Wisconsin Street and along Cody Road as part of the Mississippi River Trail. The city also intends on building a connecting trail on 15th Street from Wisconsin Street to Huckleberry Park, where it will connect to the existing trail in the park. For the sidewalk program in the city, the overall goal is to improve connectivity in the city, as well as park-to-park connectivity. Walking distances are manageable in the city, as most households in the city are within a ½-1 mile radius of downtown. As the city grows, more park space will be set aside.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The city is seeking silver Bicycle Friendly Community status this year. A bicycle survey was sent out, and its results will be back by May. The elevator project on the I-74 bridge is on hold, as bids came back much higher than anticipated. The city is working on the pedestrian bridge over Middle Road at the TBK Bank Sports Complex. The city is exploring north-south trail connectivity.

Cornbelt Running Club–

Applications for the club's college scholarships are due April 15. The club is sponsoring a women's running 101 program, which is an eight-week program to prepare for a 5K run on Mother's Day. The club is also partnering with the city of Davenport to maintain mile markers along several trails.

LeClaire–

The city received the first draft of its master plan back, and is reviewing the findings. Reconstruction of Wisconsin Street is planned, allowing for the possibility of a trail extension toward downtown.

Moline–

A bike lane will be added on 12th Avenue between 19th and 31st Streets.

Princeton–

The trail nonprofit is preparing to hold its annual dog scamper to raise funds for the MRT. A fence will be installed in April at the dog park.

Quad City Bike Club–

The club is sponsoring three or four buses for RAGBRAI participants, with the ride ending in Davenport on July 29. The club is also planning on promoting Bike to Work Week events May 15-19.

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District–

The district purchased 180 acres near IL-5 and I-80 for a new preserve. Parking will be constructed this spring. The western portion of the site will include three-to-four miles of trails. The district is looking at opportunities to connect Dorrance Forest Preserve to the sidewalk network in Port Byron. Construction of trail improvements and a restroom in Illiniwek Forest Preserve have begun and work is anticipated to be complete by May 20.

Visit Quad Cities–

Preparations are continuing for RAGBRAI. The local website is DavenportRagbrai.com, where people can sign up for e-mail updates. Bike rentals will be available at both Moline and Davenport Union Station locations this summer.

5. Other Business – Mr. Schmid noted that the Iowa Bicycle Summit will take place April 6, and the IL DOT will solicit applications for the Safe Routes to Schools program this fall.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 23, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:25 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Building, Davenport, IA

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
2. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
3. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
4. Bob Madison	Cornbelt Running Club	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
7. Mike Petersen	Illiniwek Forest Preserve	
8. Mark Phipps	HR Green	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
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