

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
August 20, 2019

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Dr. Fred Barbero. Those present from ORF were:

Dr. Fred Barbero, co-chair	Laurie Tyre
Karen Jefferson, co-chair	Orilee Witte
David Varner	JoAnna Woodruff
Laney Heath	Tom Moore
Rondo Bueschler	Catherine Ventling

Also present: Chris Herrman with Western Colorado Community Foundation, Ture Nycum, Pete Firmin and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent:

Approval of Minutes – Laney/Tom. Motion passed.

Announcements – Natural Grocers 64th Anniversary event – PJ was thrilled to have ORF participate and would like to have us there again next year.

IGA meeting – Thursday, September 5th at 7:00am in Training Room A

Tour of the Moon – volunteer schedule for Friday, 3:30pm to 8:00pm and 6:30pm to 9:00am on Saturday. Need more volunteers

UTC Community Streets Event – Saturday, October 19th from 10am-3pm

Partner Updates:

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – July 4th had a fire at Connected Lakes, burned six acres. Had to remove a fair amount of burnt trees due safety issues.

Surveyor hired for property out by 29 Road, looking at doing a land exchange to expand the 30' available to 100'.

Discussed the Bennett/Alderman property status.

Doing resurfacing on the roads in Fruita. Have funding to build concrete apron in the area, which will be beneficial for cyclist in the winter.

Palisade – Greg Mikolai was unable to attend. He did not email Michele an update before the start of the meeting.

Mesa County – County was unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Ture Nycum said that the Tour of the Moon will be using the Kokopelli Trail this year and will go through the State Park and then out towards Loma.

Ture said had some DOLA dollars leftover and are using those funds to complete the spur at 15 Road to the Business Park.

Fruita Riverfront Trail was closed for over a month due to flooding, had to remove a lot of mud from the trail. Dealing with lots of weeds.

Had some buckling on the upper section of the new trail and had Addock come out to do repairs.

City of Grand Junction – Mayor Rick Taggart was unable to attend. Fred stated that the butterfly lake is completed. Work is moving forward on Dos Rios. Lunch Loops connector trail is also progressing. Corps is reviewing section of trail behind Glacier.

RFF – Karen updated on a parcel on the other side of 29 Road owned by Elam. Local kayaker contacted the RFF about the property being for sale and the kayaker thinks the RFF should purchase so kayakers can use the wave.

Pike Property owner has contacted Mesa County about getting an easement and Paul Nelson put together a small committee. Group still working on.

Approved grant to UTC for Community Streets Event.

Approved investing \$50,000 with Western Colorado Community Foundation. Chris added that the money is held in perpetuity and will grow at 4.5%, which can be issued back to the RFF or reinvested in fund. Started out with \$1 million and is now at \$80 million.

New Business – There was no new business.

Old Business -

Round Up – Ellen said it has been difficult meeting with owners since everyone is on vacation.

Brandy Fisher is looking at doing % of sales certain times per year

Bruce Milyard

Shear Inc.

Octopus

Edgewater – considering a Brew Pub Crawl

Carlson Vineyards

Asset Engineering – pledge for three years

Hot Tomato – will give 10% of profits of particular night

Chris mentioned Kristie Reese is promoting the Giving Club
Fidelity Mortgage – said no
Discussed contacting vets.

Ellen needs more leads and warm introductions from board members.

Website – Have met five times and have reviewed existing pages and cut unnecessary text and written new copy. Anticipate choosing new vendor at next meeting.

Wayfinding Signs – UTC applied for \$100,000 grant but did not received funding so looking at other funding opportunities. Fruita has been installing signs that the City of GJ and UTC they will make wayfinding signage look like Fruita's.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.