

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
683-4333

**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**REVISED**  
**Minutes**  
**February 18, 2020**

**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	David Varner
Dave Bastian	Lou Patterson
JoAnna Woodruff	Laney Heath

Also present: Greg Mikolai, Town of Palisade Board Trustee, Pete Firmin – Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Gary Stibler and Orin Zyvan – Urban Trails Committee.

Absent: Karen Jefferson, Catherine Ventling, Laurie Tyre, Rondo Bueschler, Tom Moore and Michele Rohrbach

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes from December meeting made by Laney. David V. second. Motion was passed.

**Announcements** – Fred announced the chain breaking event and the GJ City dinner at Two Rivers Convention Center for all individuals on boards and commissions. Email invites will be sent.

ORF took part in the Outdoor Expo sharing a table with the Fruita CO Welcome Center. Laney covered the booth, as did Fred and JoAnna. Gave out maps and got names for the email list.

**Partner Updates:**

**Palisade** – Palisade has made its contribution to ORF. Work on Palisade Plunge is stopped for winter. No date for spring start set but likely June or early July for upper section.

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife** – Pete said working on contract for a boat ramp and trail that would go under Highway 340. . Areas serving as parking for concert series and trail will likely be impacted from this work going into May and could run later depending on work schedules. No word on when contract will be signed but a contractor has received the bid. This will be a bifurcated ramp separating user groups, motorized and non-motorized. Less than a mile of trail. CPW was able to construct a trail to the SE end of Red Rock Lake. Going under, over or across 340 will fall to the City of Fruita. It is Pete’s understanding that it is in the City’s five year plan but he doesn’t know if anything is imminent, eg doesn’t think they have anything beyond a

conceptual design. Looking at getting a GOCO Directors Administration Grant (grant only open to CPW for projects not likely to get funding through normal CPW avenues) for project and would like a letter of support from ORF. Would include upgrade of existing sport amenities and some new exercise/sport amenities. Grant deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>. If CPW can go to Foundation, more would be great but minimum match for grant is on hand currently. Having extra funds would make grant more competitive.

David V make motion for ORF to provide letter of support, Lou second, motion passed.

**Mesa County** – County was unable to attend.

**City of Fruita** – Ture was unable to attend.

**City of Grand Junction** – Mayor Taggert was unable to attend.

RFF – Fred, Karen, Catherine and Michele attended RFF meeting and discussed ORF funding and shortage. RFF was requested to provide supplemental funding and they did. Took funding they had originally provided as loan and agreed to provide that as funding rather than as loan and provided additional funding for 2020.

#### **New Business:**

Earth Day event is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Does ORF want to have a booth? If so, we would need participants for roughly six hours for a table at Lincoln Park. JoAnna, David V. and Laney volunteered for two-hour shifts. Pete brought up Outdoor Heritage days in Palisade that is likely the same day. Event is a celebration of outdoor recreation. The question was asked if ORF would want to staff two booths and the answer was no. CPW and Greg could likely represent ORF at the Palisade event. Lou saw items on the page for the event that indicate ORF participation might be necessary.

David V. asked about budget, desiring confirmation that shortfall has been covered for year and is asking who is working to cover that. Great lead into conversation about the Fundraising Subcommittee. Dave and Lou reported on the first meeting of that subcommittee and the efforts to raise the awareness of ORF. Chrism, Lou and Dave are planning to meet again to look at ideas and methods to raise awareness and profile. Fred would like to see more support for our business partners. Laney asked if we could have a sign and JoAnna thought of a standing picture frame that could be posted with a hashtag on a variety of social media platforms. Laney mentioned her work with the radio station and the dinner they held. A \$125 a plate dinner that was so successful individuals were turned away. Dave will work with Michele to schedule next meeting.

**Grand Junction Urban Trail presentation:** Orin and Gary gave a presentation on the wayfinding proposal and goals, what has already been done, and what they are still working on doing. They also gave an overview of who they are and entities working on the endeavor. Currently bulk of signed areas are in Grand Junction. City sees value in the proposal and is working on moving forward with remaining sections and needs, and work is being done to move towards Fruita and Palisade.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business –**

Round Up – Ellen was unable to attend.

Website – JoAnna has been editing the site. The first round of comments have been completed. Second round is coming up and then the site will be close to launch. Small details remain before launch. Unsure of date but spring is likely.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Adjournment** – David V. motioned to adjourn.