

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
June 16, 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
Laney Heath
Laurie Tyre
Tom Moore

Karen Jefferson, co-chair
Lou Patterson
Catherine Ventling
Rondo Bueschler

Also present: Pete Firmin – Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Trent Prall and Ken Sherbenou with the City of Grand Junction, Chris Herrman with Western Colorado Community Foundation and Michele Rohrbach, ORF staff.

Absent: JoAnna Woodruff, Dave Bastian

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from February meeting made by Laney. Lou second. Motion passed.

Announcements – Fred introduced Trent and Ken.

Farwell to Karen and Laurie. Thanked them for their service.

Karen said her favorites were being a part of the Fruita section to Grand Junction and meeting all the people along the way.

Laurie said it was a pleasure meeting people and helping with fundraising.

Welcomed new co-chair Catherine Ventling.

Partner Updates:

Palisade – Rondo updated on the Plunge, two miles left to build on first phase (Landsend Road to Palisade), they are asking people to please not ride on it until it is done. Need to finish up work with Search and Rescue, etc.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete said working on concert series with Ron Wilson, Sandstone Concerts and Jeff Kuhr, Mesa County Health Department. The two boat ramps in Fruita are done. Hardened path to Red Rock Lake is done. New as of July 1st, CPW will require a hunting or fishing license for those of 18 in state wildlife areas. Will not affect riverfront trail users at Walter Walker as long as they stay on the trail but if they leave the trail, they will need a license. He added City of Fruita has conceptual plan to over/under/across Highway 340. CPW extended trail to link to whatever City of Fruita's plans may be on south side of Red Rocks Lake.

Completed like trade with Gustafson. Area is tiny. He went west and widened the “boot” about 100’ to allow for erosion and to get equipment down there.

He also talked about 25’ of property that was brought to his attention by Lance Glass with the City of Grand Junction that needs to be acquired.

Loma boat ramp owned by CPW but managed by BLM which new rule may be in effect-he wasn’t sure.

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 so Trent updated on Dos Rios being out to bid. Will be asking for Council’s permission to go for bonds in early July at June 29th Council meeting. In August will be redoing part of riverfront trail at Hale Avenue. Dike will remain same at this time. Next phase will be restrooms and working with developer. Jen Tayler hopes to break ground in April.

Bike playground in with 24 attractions for all levels of riders. Met deadline for grant. Still more work to be done. Compliments Lunch Loops.

Catherine asked about Bennett/Alderman property – Trent said it is going through review process.

Trent said City is working with new owner of Brady Trucking property.

RFF – RFF April meeting was cancelled, nothing to report.

New Business:

Colorado River Corridor Conceptual Plan – Michele apologized, she had sent it out last week but was having issues with her emails being blocked and when it was fixed, she forgot to resend the info. Catherine has questions, Chris tried to answer but wasn’t able to since plan it is so new. Sees plan being advisory to start out. Michele will send plan out in the morning asking the board to submit questions to her so she can get them to Rusty at RiversEdge West and Libby Collins with Colorado West Land Trust.

Las Colonias Tour – Trent passed around maps showing the before and after. Talked about the changes. Ken passed out information on the water park. Tour started after meeting adjourned.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Website – Catherine said moving forward, reviewed test site, and currently back for edits. Have new photos to add to site. Will link to CPW COTREX maps. She explained what COTREX was and what maps are on it and who manages trails.

Facebook – posted directions to apply for openings on ORF. Posted links after website was hacked and we pulled it down

Fundraising – Dave was unable to attend but told Michele he will be calling another meeting soon. Michele has another idea and hopes to share with the committee soon.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.