

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
683-4333

**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**Minutes**  
**October 20, 2020**

**Called to Order:**

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

Catherine Ventling	Fred Barbero	Laney Heath
Joel Sholtes	Lou Patterson	Tom Moore
Rondo Bueschler	David Varner (on the phone)	
Jennifer Reyes		

Also present: Pete Firmin – Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Absent: JoAnna Woodruff, Dave Bastian and Michele Rohrbach-ORF staff

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from August meeting were approved.

**Announcements** – There were no announcements.

**Partner Updates:**

**Palisade** – Palisade was unable to attend.

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife** –Life Jackets available from a foundation (Boat US) contact through CPW. CPW manages lifejackets at their parks (only some sections). Wondering if CPW can update signage and bring together different organizations who donate life jackets.

CPW – Applied for a \$2,000 grant to mitigate wildfire potential near 29 ½ Road

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

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

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

**New Business:**

Meet in December at either CMU or Community Hospital – Joel to coordinate w/ Tom Moore to finalize location.

Proposal to support river's Edge west Riparian Conference – Asked for \$1,000 grant. Motion Approved. Conference will be February 16-19. One conference registration is provided for an ORF Board Member.

Colorado River Corridor Conceptual Plan – Joel presented on Colorado River Corridor Initiative.

- CWLT and REW have spent approximately \$2,000 equivalent to 43 hours of work using the seed grant provided by OR
- 110 hours of in-kind work have also been performed.
- Initiative is conducting “Phase 1” stakeholder interviews to identify common values and challenges regarding the river corridor. Phase 2 will involve workshops with heterogeneous stakeholders to develop priorities to pursue.
- Joel updated the group on the initiative and communicated that the folks involved in this effort would like to partner with OR's members. Joel will continue to update the board and solicit opportunities for involvement from the board.

Rondo – Palisade pipeline ROW maybe won't work because of irrigator – canal ROW conflicts. Irrigation district not on board with the idea.

- Rondo proposes to extend the trail alongside CDOT highways.
- Potential concerns: Liability and private property concerns from Grand Valley Irrigation Company
- Catherine – what can this commission do to help move the conversation ahead?
  - Timeline for Town of Palisade water supply line?
  - Can design and engineering be done in a way that does not preclude a future trail?
  - Is there a “conservation” or “transportation easement” option to offset costs?
  - Can CWLT have a role?
- How to continue the conversation – Rondo leading the conversation with Palisade and options for the connection.
- Rondo to reach out to group to gather support to continue the conversation on this connection. Rondo will start this committee and chair it as well.

### **Colorado Gives Day (GOGD)**

Board Members make calls to thank 2019 donors and remind them of upcoming 2020 COGD. Michele will sent out list. Social media effort – Friends of the Riverfront on Facebook. Laney and Jennifer will look into the Kannah Creek event.

There was no further new business.

### **Old Business**

Save Life Kiosks – Currently a volunteer effort by one person. Needs more jackets and more help.

- Public Safety Awareness
- Logistical Help
- Help with Signage
- How to get more lifejackets or keep these from walking away...

Finalizing a new sign to be printed and paid for by OR

Idea to update the river trail maps to include these life jacket locations.

**Signs Committee** - Rondo - Waiting on grant funding to proceed

**Fundraising Committee** - Lou - working on writing up literature / solicitation materials.

**Social Media Committee** – Will start an ad campaign for Colorado Gives Day.

There was no further old business.

**Public Comment** – None present.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned.