

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
683-4333

**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**

**Called to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair, Fred Barbero. Those present from ORF were:

Fred Barbero	Catherine Ventling
Jamie Porta	Jennifer Reyes
George Manning	Kate Ramsay
Nicole Grider	Stefanie Harville
Joel Sholtes	

Also present: Rick Taggart, City of Grand Junction City Council, Marc Mancuso, Parks and Recreation – City of Fruita, Travis Haldeman – Mesa County, Catherine Ventling, retiring ORF, Thea Chase – Town of Palisade Board and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent: Lou Patterson, Rondo Buecheler

**Approval of Minutes** – Jamie/Kate. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Welcomed new members to the board. Did introductions around the room for new ORF members in attendance.

Farewell to Catherine, Laney and Dave. Fred presented Catherine with a Certificate of Appreciation. Michele will mail Laney and Dave theirs.

Concert schedule: Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Firefall; Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Little Texas. Michele passed around sign up sheet for volunteers for September 9<sup>th</sup> concert.

IGA Meeting – Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – need ORF member to run meeting – Jenn volunteered

Tour of the Moon – Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Michele passed around volunteer sign up sheet.

**Partner Updates:**

**City of Grand Junction** – Rick apologized for missing past meetings. The Eddy project construction is complete. The project is sold out (mix of housing and rentals); the trail is finished but not sure if it's open. Beginning the process of redoing the asphalt trail from the Redlands and the Blue Heron trail. Not sure if they will be redone in asphalt or not. The asphalt trail in front of Wingate School will be redone next year. The last thing is the trail extension from Lunch Loops to South Camp that will finish the Redlands Loop, construction to start this fall. Fred thanked him for all his efforts on the Riverfront Trail project. Fred added that within a whisper of getting the last two missing links.

Rick said doing a feasibility study to build a public market at Las Colonias. He said he would like to see the City leverage the funds from the sale of properties at Dos Rios for Federal Grants. Catherine asked if it would be a year round market and Rick said yes.

**Mesa County** – Travis said MC is removing dead trees and will have it completed within the next few weeks and then will start brush removal. Working on the pond at the Clifton Nature Center and working with US Fish and Wildlife, shocked the pond last year and found a large quantity of large mouth bass. Working on project to keep the fish from entering the river. Have caught some three and four pounds. Working on the Clifton Community Center design and the trail will tie into the Riverfront Trail. Joel asked if there would be an opportunity for river access. Travis said he didn't think so because of MC and Clifton Water's easement.

Fred asked Travis to talk about the plans for the Clifton Nature Center. Travis said the County may put in a solar farm on part of the property and they are discussing a pavilion and additional parking. Clifton is starting to see more improvements.

**City of Fruita** – Marc said continue to do fire mitigation on Little Salt Wash and Reed Wash. RFP went out for the Hwy 340 Bridge and received zero bids. Will regroup and see where to go with the project. He said it would be underpass. He's been working with Travis to see what the County did at the 32 Road Bridge. North Fruita Desert will be starting a fundraising campaign, adaptive trails and beginner trails and will start shortly. Applying for a GOCO grant for Reed Park and should hear if they will be advancing to the next round. Mountain water properties on the Uncompahgre, received an NRC grant for feasibility study to look at the dam failure at reservoir 2. Looking at possibly selling Eno Lake and using the funds for recreation development in the area.

**Town of Palisade** – Thea said need to buy peaches. Peach Fest starts with Ice Cream social on Thursday night. For more info go to the Palisade Chamber's website. Have had lots of issues with the old gym and the Town has invested about \$2 million and will be having ribbon cutting for ground breaking on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Have received an award for a bike lane on one side of Alberta. Doing downtown improvements with bump outs. Looking forward to having a connection from Palisade to Clifton. The Town wants to put their support behind the project with focus from Mount Garfield Middle School to 36 Road.

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife** – Pete unable to attend but emailed Michele that the only thing to report was getting ready for the concert on Friday night.

**Colorado Riverfront Foundation** – Michele explained that ORF/RFF are working with other nonprofits to build the Confluence Center at Dos Rios. Like-minded nonprofits (RiverEdge West, Eureka, Colorado Canyons Association, Colorado West Land Trust, One Riverfront).

#### **New Business –**

There was no new business.

**Old Business** – Fred reminded the group that the updates were attached to agenda, minutes packets and board members need to read them before the meeting.

Marketing Committee – Fred said Catherine has been instrumental in getting the group off the ground. Lou is chair. George is doing a fabulous job with the social media. Catherine added that Elizabeth with Visit Grand Junction is helping the group put together a survey to be given out at the concerts to gather data.

Fred updated on Lou's email regarding the meeting frequency and that committees would be meeting on the odd months and ORF will be continue to meet on the even months. Board voted yes to Lou's proposal.

Joel updated on the Trails Committee work (see the update). Next step appears to get a planning process, which will need to be funded. County is willing to manage the process once funds have been found. Have good framework on how to proceed. Thea added that there are challenges with right-of-way and that CDOT would need to purchase the right-of-way for enough land for a detached bike lane. Catherine said that CDOT would work with perpetual encumbrances.

Jennifer added that she is working with Brian Mahoney on the Confluence property (south side of the river at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge). The developer is planning 35 units there.

**Public Comment** –

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.