

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
October 10, 2022

Called to Order:

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

Lou Patterson	Jamie Porta
Jennifer Reyes	Kate Ramsay
Stefanie Harville	Joel Sholtes
David Varner	Rondo Buecheler
George Manning – via phone	Nicole Grider – via phone

Also present: John Whipple-guest, Marc Mancuso, Parks and Recreation – City of Fruita, and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent: Fred Barbero

Approval of Minutes – David did attend the August meeting but was not listed. Kate/Jamie. Motion passed.

Announcements – There were no announcements.

Partner Updates:

City of Grand Junction – Rick Taggart was unable to attend.

Mesa County – Travis Haldeman unable to attend but he emailed Michele the following:

The main thing going on is Persigo is replacing the Force Main that crosses the trail on the section right by Persigo Wash and it will have a detour in place for a few weeks starting the middle of October, Here is what they sent they sent him.

They are getting close to crossing the River Trail near the Persigo Wash. They estimate by the middle of October that they will have a detour in place. They will open the trench (on the north side) & lay the pipe up to the trail. Then bury, then make a trail detour using milled asphalt over the placed pipe, this will be to the north of the trail towards the interstate. Then the pipe trench will be opened to the south of the detour and remove necessary concrete leaves to continue pipe installation. The concrete will be replaced as soon as possible to resume normal pedestrian and bicycle use.

City of Fruita – Marc said sent back out for trail crossing and got two bids, one came in at \$180,000 and \$187,000. Will be looking out was to make it work with both those bids. New survey out of the Kokopelli and open until October 28th. Marc said it's currently on COPMOBA's Instagram page and the City is looking to get it on their site too. Ross Mittleman submitted grant for North Fruita Desert and have raised the cash match.

Town of Palisade – Thea Chase was unable to attend.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete Firmin unable to attend and didn't send Michele any update.

Colorado Riverfront Foundation – Michele stated next RFF meeting is October 27th so there will be an update in December.

New Business – Colorado Gives Day – Michele explained what it is and what each board member will be asked to do. She will send out email with list and script in the next few weeks. Goal is \$12,500 and she asked ORF board members to recruit their trail loving friends that currently aren't donors to schedule a donation.

Marc suggested Michele reach out to Ben Snyder with Grand Junction Sports Commission for other ORF board volunteer opportunities.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Lou asked if the committee updates are working for everyone.

Jenn said she would like to ask if there is someone who would like be a co-chair the Education/Partners Committee since she is really busy.

Round Up – Lou talked about the Google Docs and there are some Round Up partners needing a new ORF contact. If ORF members knows if any businesses that would make good Round Up partners, talk to Lou, Fred or Michele. Lou will get the Google Doc link and the pdf of the new Round Up brochure and application out to everyone.

At the last concert, Kate had several angry concert goers state they want to get bike riders off the road. How does ORF handle comments like that?

Lou and George will be talking with Tom Casal about the safety issue of Tour of the Moon riders riding too fast on the trail. In addition to, the motorcycles leading the riders.

Discussed CRCS and that Michele is still waiting on one food vendor. Once she gets that info, she will send out the update.

Public Comment –

John said Greg Canton wanted him to come and talk to the group to learn more about ORF's mission. John is trying to get a River Recreation Coalition going but feels that ORF is more bike/trail centric. He's looking for more river access and river activities. Joel and Rondo said that ORF isn't just bike/trail centric and interested in the river access. John was asked if it would be an advisory board for the river similar to ORF and the Urban Trails Committee. He said that was what he was thinking.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.