

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
December 12, 2022

Called to Order:

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

Fred Barbero	Kate Ramsay
Jennifer Reyes	Jamie Porta
David Varner	George Manning

Also present: Brian Mahoney, RFF, Lauren Mahoney, Brian's daughter, Pete Firmin, CPW and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent: Lou Patterson, Rondo Buecheler, Joel Sholtes

Approval of Minutes – Kate/George. Motion passed.

Announcements – Michele passed out a template for the size rocks she needs from Board members. ORF office will be closed December 19th through January 2nd. Mesa County will be moving Michele's office for the second time over the weekend.

Did introduction around the room.

Partner Updates:

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

Mesa County – Travis Haldeman unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Marc was unable to attend but emailed Michele his update.

Here is an update on the Highway 340 Trail Crossing

- As planned, we conducted an RFP process for designing the connection under the 340 bridge to the trail ending in the state park
 - First round we received 0 bids
- Second round we received 2 bids, both more than double the \$90,000 at over \$180,000

- Based on other priority projects in our budget process, we decided to not proceed with the design at this cost
- CDOT came out with a Multi Modal Options Fund grant process, we decided to apply through to get the gap funding needed for design
- If RTPPO awards the grant, we would be approved for the design and will be placing the \$90k as match for \$250K total.
 - The recommendation for approval would not go to the state until after the first of the year
 - It could be 6 months to get a contract back from CDOT

Town of Palisade – Thea Chase was unable to attend. She gave Michele the following info, planning for the sewer plant is moving forward. Will negotiate easements in spring. Adopt Comp Plan in spring. Alberta will be done in spring with sidewalks and bikes lanes. Working on boat ramp expansion.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete Firmin said they have money for design for trail from 27 ½ to 29 Road. M&D has the construction contract. He thinks if put the trail where not mining would be less expensive than if where they could mine, might have to pay for the loss revenue. He thinks it will help mitigate conflict and safety if CPW dictate where the trail should go rather than waiting until after completion of mining.

Colorado Riverfront Foundation – nothing to report.

New Business – Fred announced that co-chairs have selected new co-chair in waiting - David Varner.

IGA update – David updated on the items not updated above. He gave a history update of IGA meetings. Michele shared dates for 2023 meetings.

City of Grand Junction – Ken Sherbenou stated that the Blue Heron boat ramp is under construction and done in May making it more accessible. He also mentioned a lazy river being consider for the rec center. Kate said that the two-lifejacket kiosks are heavily used and need to get more signage and educational material.

Dave Thornton hopes to have City Council adopt the Bicycle Commuter Plan in April.

Ross Mittelman with Mesa County said the County has received GOCO funding for stewardship crew. Working in Riverbend Park and at 18 Road with CPW. Planning grant for Gunnison Bluffs/Spanish Trail. Planning to start in January. GV Park – nonprofit to support Pak & Rec.

Bill Findlay is working with the Grand Valley Parks and Recreation contact Bill if interested in being a Board Member.

Fruita will be permanently closing Mulberry.

David said that trails committee needs to talk with CPW about properties that may not be needed for routes in Palisade. Michele has added that Kiln Coffee is donating coffee for this meeting.

Brian showed his slide presentation and explained each slide and the history of the riverfront trail. Thanked Brian for giving the presentation.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Round Up – Michele reminded everyone that she isn't seeing any activity on the Google docs so if they have talked to a business, please get info on the docs. There are also a few partners needing to be adopted so please look at the list. She added that if members know of a business and want to talk with them, the brochure and revised application is on Google docs. If anyone has questions, please let Fred, Lou or Michele know. She also mentioned that ORF has missed a good opportunity for this program because several other non-profits have started doing similar programs.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.