

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
683-4333

**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

**Called to Order:**

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

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

Also present: Pete Firmin with CPW, Marc Mancuso with City of Fruita, Thea Chase Board Member with Town of Palisade, and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent:

**Approval of Minutes** – Fred/George. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – ORF office closed April 19<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Arbor Fest Booth – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Stefanie, Nicole, Jen and David (if needed) volunteered. Jenn has tent and box. Michele will forward more info once she gets it from the City.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Cornhole Tournament/fundraiser for RiversEdge West – May 6<sup>th</sup> (3pm-6pm)

Grand Valley Riverfest – May 11<sup>th</sup> (11am-4pm)

Concert Series – June 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>

Tour of the Moon – September 9<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Michele passed around sign-up sheets for all events

**Partner Updates:**

**City of Grand Junction** – City was unable to attend. Don't believe anyone will be appointed until after the new council members are sworn in.

**Mesa County** – Travis was unable to attend but emailed the following up:

The county is working with a contractor to finish cleaning up under the 29rd bridge and should have that completed this week after removing a homeless camp. We are ready to monitor and close sections of the trail in the event of flooding this spring. Otherwise it is just normal maintenance taking place. Let me know what I miss and I am sorry I will not be in attendance.

**City of Fruita** – Marc was unable attend and emailed Michele he didn't have an update.

**Town of Palisade** – Thea mentioned the article in the paper regarding fire mitigation. Working on the middle mile fiber optic. Community Hospital will be having grand opening of their clinic on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Comp and bike plan – community is hoping for more bike lanes and connection to the riverfront trail. She stated Alberta is huge corridor for tourism and bike lanes and connectivity would be an asset. Harkey launch kiosk needs help. Would like help from ORF marketing committee for two panels and would like CPW do take one. Discussed what should be on the panels.

- BLM map – same as what is at Corn Lake
- Outfitters
- Highwater caution (temporary-only during runoff)
- ORFF logo, map and mission statement, QR code for donations
- Chamber would have one panel

Rondo said there is plexiglass covering the information now so can come up with temporary signage and replace with something more permanent at a later date. Stefanie said she can do the signs on vinyl that is UV protected, gave Thea her business card.

Thea mentioned the forwarded County's map that Trails Completion committee sent. CDOT's planning grant will take six months. There will be a meeting in a month or so to flush out more detail.

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife** – Pete said traffic counters have shipped. Still working on trail between 27 ½ and 29 Road. He has an opportunity for DOT Swift Crew if he can find a place for them to camp for two weeks where they can leave their tents open and away from the public. The crew would work on fire mitigation by removing Tamarisk, Russian Olive and Siberian Elm. Thea suggested the property the Town owns at Cameo. He said there are a few issues with that but will keep in mind. He said M&A said if City grants okay to move forward with gravel mining, the crew could stay on the former Bennett/Alderman property. He is working with the City of Grand Junction on this possibility.

**Colorado Riverfront Foundation** – there was no update.

#### **New Business –**

REW \$5,000 grant request. David gave a brief description of the four-day river program which is for middle school students. Two questions were asked: who/how are participants chosen and how is this program different from CCA's river program?

There was no further new business.

#### **Old Business –**

Round Up – Lou reminded everyone to reach out to businesses (make sure to notate on the Google doc). He and Joel met with Palisade Brewery and they are excited to participate, just need to come up with how. Joel talked about a bike ride. Joel has also spoken with Handle Bar about doing a bike ride.

Michele added that she will be ordering the Round Up Partner sign for the concerts so if Loki and Coloramo have made donation by April 18<sup>th</sup>, they will not be included on the sign. Jamie asked if she has heard from Xcel – she has not.

Committee Updates – included in meeting packet.

Trails committee – Fred talked about trails committee report and wanted to make sure everyone has reviewed the proposed routes. Theas said the scope of work done on the report is great.

Education committee - Jenn gave update since notes were not emailed to Michele. Committee met and working on having committee members take turn with minutes. Nicole gave update on the Oral History project that will be recording at 970 West Studio on Friday with the Foundation members. George has been invited to video the event. Jenn had meeting in Clifton today.

ORF openings – have two board members terms expiring (Jenn and Joel), two who are term limited (Rondo and Fred) and Kate had to step down due to ongoing health issues. Last week there were only two applications (Jenn and Joel), David started reaching out to people and as of tonight, there are six applications. Michele has also had several people contact her after reading the current e-newsletter.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.