

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**

**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023**

**Called to Order:**

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

Fred Barbero	Nicole Grider	Stefanie Harville
George Manning	Joel Sholtes	Rondo Buecheler
David Varner	Jennifer Reyes	

Also present: Travis Haldelman, Mesa County, Marc Mancuso with City of Fruita, and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent: Lou Patterson

Did introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – Corrections – Lou chaired April meeting, dates for Tour of the Moon were incorrect, should be September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

George/Jenn. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – New members will be at August meeting. Interviewed seven potential members. Approved five and two alternates. Next step is for government partners will approve before appointed.

Fred and Rondo will be leaving the board as of the August meeting. Michele said she's hoping to have the meeting at the Dos Rios.

Fred said Bonzi has begun the zip line.

**Partner Updates:**

**City of Grand Junction** – City was unable to attend. Jason Nguyen is our new ex-officio for the City.

**Mesa County** – Travis Haldeman is working out at Clifton Nature Park. Cleaning up the island before high water. Once the water recedes they will be working with a local disc golf group to put in a nine-hole disc golf and hope to expand onto the Clifton Water property for additional nine holes. He said looking at adding restrooms, picnic area long term. One group is working on a GOCO Legacy grant.

Big revitalization in the Clifton area and it will be great for the riverfront trail and improvements are much needed.

Stefanie asked how the revitalization came about. Travis gave an update on the work Janet Rowland and Scott McInnis started. The Clifton Community groups (there are two) are moving the revitalization forward. Hoping it gives more of a purpose for people to stop in the area, more safe routes for people to get to the riverfront trail and schools.

**City of Fruita** – Marc said Loma trail is still under water. Moved 18” of silt and mud off the trail and it flooded the next day. They have put signage up at the “pork chop” stating the trail is closed beyond that point. He said Travis with Mesa County shared their bridge info and Marc said it should work for their Hwy 340 Bridge project. Marc commented that he hopes next year not to have a riverfront concert on the same night as Mike the Headless because he wants to make sure all fundraisers are successful.

**Town of Palisade** – Thea was unable to attend. She emailed the following update:  
First of all, to thank Rondo and Fred for their years of service and tireless support for trails completion! Also, thanks to Joel et all for organizing the ride and event this week and resulting publicity for the Clifton to Palisade section. The posts are fun and the Sentinel article a plus. And, had a chance to visit with staff regarding Harkey’s Launch kiosk. TOP can repaint and replace the plexiglass and install the content. The panels are approximately 4x3.75ft. One panel will be from our Tourism Advisory Board. The rest are up for grabs...would love the help of the Marketing and Education Committee to put this together... thinking consistency through the corridor would be amazing. I know CPW had a panel that would fit? I’ll be traveling most of June/July, but Troy Ward is the TOP staff to coordinate with. Council people just get in the way anyway! I am reachable by email.  
And, fabulous Bluegrass festival, hope some of you made it!

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife** – Pete was unable to attend but emailed Michele the following update: SWIFT crew was well received within the community and completed significant work at Connected Lakes but also worked on CPW properties between 27.5 and 29 Road.

Opt in rate for the Keep Colorado Wild pass continues around 30% in Mesa County. If CPW can maintain that statewide then he would classify the program as a success.

Connected Lakes is becoming increasingly busy.

He continues having difficulty hiring seasonal/temporary rangers. This has been an issue for the last two years.

**Colorado Riverfront Foundation** – David gave an update that they approved \$5,000 for RiversEdge West and they approved pledge for \$100,000 for the Confluence Center. ORF will have an office space in the building along with RiversEdge West, Eureka, they will have a preschool there, Colorado Canyons Association, and Colorado West Land Trust.

The board met with the City of Fruita before the meeting regarding the Compton property that the Foundation is part owner along with Mesa County and the City of Fruita. In negotiations with Mesa

County to sell their share to the City of Fruita. Fruita will be working to update the previous masterplan that is out of date.

**New Business –**

CRCS update – Michele shared the info from the Tab Benoit concert. 4<sup>th</sup> highest grossing concert since 2006. Online ticket sales were 1,817, sold 26 at the gate, tickets scanned night of the concert were 1,200, guestimate about 150 wristbands showed up. Considering the weather – cool and then rain, low turnout but bar numbers were impressive. Another interesting note, ran out of craft beers and the Nutrols 90 minutes into the show.

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 update Google docs. She said still has not received anything for Loki. There are a couple of businesses needing adopting.

Fred talked about the article in the Sentinel on One Riverfront which David talked with the reporter. The reporter was interested in the Eddy project trail connection. City is still working on the connection but not ready for public announcement. He also asked about the trail to Palisade and pressed David about canal bank trails - David was very diplomatic.

Joel talked about the ride to Palisade on Thursday and there is a lot of excitement and hopes to see the board there. Rondo said he'd comp a bike to anyone that needs one.

Committee Updates – included in meeting packet.

David asked about the IGA Bike Ride – it's currently on hold due to flooding. Once the river has dropped will communicate about rescheduling.

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

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.