

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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Riverfront Commission (RFC)

Minutes
June 18, 2013

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair Katie Steele. Those present from the Commission were:

Katie Steele	Ken Henry	Brad Taylor
Jason Bailey	Claudette Konola	Karen Jefferson

Also present were Bennett Boeschstein, Grand Junction City Council, Bob Fuller, City of Fruita City Council, Pete Firmin, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Bennett Price with Town of Palisade, Andy Windsor and Stephanie ? with Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Donna Ross with Mesa County and Michele Rohrbach.

Katie stated that she wants it in the minutes that there was a unanimous vote on the resolutions to support the Monument Vision and Las Colonias plans. RFC will provide letters of support when requested by both groups. Bennett Price stated he was at the May meeting.

Approval – Claudette/Ken. Motion passed.

Announcements –

Schedule of Colorado Concert Series was read.

Michele passed around sign up sheets to pass bucket at concert series and to sit at info table.

Volunteers needed for Striders Run on July 27th.

Bob Fuller will be checking with Fruita to see if we could have September meeting in Fruita.

Brad presented Katie and Ken with Certificate of Appreciation and a river rock as farewell for the expiring terms and said a few words thanking each of them.

New Business – Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA) – Andy gave presentation on the BLM’s plan for Dominguez-Escalante NCA. Plan was developed with public input. Grazing will continue. Mining/extraction/oil and gas leasing won’t be allowed. Planning area: 218,393 acres – split between Mesa County (57%), Delta County (28%) and Montrose County (17%).

There was further new business.

Old Business –

Strategic Planning – Brad said will start thinking about this between now and August. Wants to work with Colorado Mesa University again.

Safety and Signage – Frank was unable to attend.

Government Relations – Jason had nothing new to report.

History – Ken said Gary Brewer has volunteered to help. Katie said the John Ruderford would be a good contact for history.

Media Relations/Outreach – Katie said Facebook page has been launched. Karen will be taking over for Katie. Talked about the ticket sales for Bruce Hornsby concert and the servicing fee for tickets for the regular Colorado Concert Series.

Updates:

Mesa County – Donna gave update on the floodplan appeal hearing. She thanked the Riverfront for attending the hearing. The Appeal Board did uphold the approval. Appellants can still appeal. Construction has started on Phase II and expected to be completed this year. Greg hopes to get Phase III out to bid by September with completion by mid-2014. Ken said that lots of dirt being moved and he's getting lots of calls about what's going on. People are excited.

City of Grand Junction – Mike was unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Has come to an impasse with the Railroad and the City has filed with the PUC. Could take a year to hear back from PUC.

Town of Palisade – Bennett said that the Bluegrass Festival was very successful. Frank has gotten the trails needing repaired all repaired.

KAFM – Bennett said he needs someone for next Tuesday,

Committee Reports:

UTC – Nothing to report.

State Park – Park is still in line for construction trail grant being available in July to put a concrete trail in the park. Getting ready for fireworks show and the Concert Series is moving forward.

Public Comment – No public present.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.