

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
December 4, 2023

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by chair, David Varner. Those present from ORF were:

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| David Varner | Stefanie Harville | Ken Scissors |
| Jamie Porta | Sarah Brooks | Joel Sholtes |
| George Manning | David Combs | |

Also present: Travis Haldeman, Mesa County, Pete Firmin, Colorado Park Wildlife, Hayden Janson public (new to the area), Henry Brown, the City of Grand Junction Mobility Planner and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent: Jane Quimby, Nicole Grider, and Tom Barry

Did introductions around the room.

David C. introduced himself and the work he is doing in Clifton to make it more livable for the residents and students of the Clifton area. He also spoke about the lack of amenities for people in the area.

Approval of Minutes. Corrections – last full paragraph David is talking with Katie Smith with GOCO. Old Business – Tom has mention Onyx and Trail Forks – should read Trail Forks and Onyx and two Mountain Bike trail sites ORF should claim riverfront trails. David asked if Sarah found someone for her radio show. She found e-bike folks for December. ORF has option for any show in 2024. Sarah/George. Motion passed.

Announcements – David Combs is new member. Henry Brown was asked to attend by Sarah and looks forward to learning more about ORF.

Michele reminded everyone tomorrow is Colorado Gives. She thanked those that have already donated or set up a recurring donation.

IGA meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 8:00am in Training Room A (same room as ORF meeting). City of Grand Junction Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is December 9th at Two Rivers.

ORF office will be closed December 18th through January 2nd.

David V. stated ORF is a signatory to the RiversEdge West document to do restoration work. (Michele to send out copy of the MOU)

Partner Updates:

City of Grand Junction – Jason was unable to attend. Henry gave a brief update stating that they met with Colorado Discoverability about facility updates. They have asked the City for more comfortable access up to the river for fishing and another access at the lazy river for those with mobility issues. Henry is looking into grants to help with getting more workout equipment and reactivating the amphitheater at the Butterfly Pavilion. City is working on getting a sweeper for bike lanes. He thinks it will be here in February and then they will need to work on staffing. Plan is to trail the street sweepers when they go out and do their jobs.

Mesa County – Travis was unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Marc was unable to attend.

Town of Palisade – Thea unable to attend.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete said not much to report since October. Did some tamarisk removal when the Redlands Trail race was closed down around the bridges. Tetra Tech has been hired to do the trail design for the trail between 27 ½ and 29 Road. Had budgeted \$250,000 and contract came in higher than budgeted. Thinks the City is working on the survey for the Skinner property to figure out the trail easement placement and then can go back to the appraiser. Originally 1/3 between the City, State and Mesa County. Pete discussed the issues with the State's 1/3 and how State Purchasing Rules works and how the amount must match the 1/3 appraised dollar amount.

Henry said he and some of his co-workers have walked the site and he hasn't been in the room for the more details acquisition discussions. He stated that the Urban Trails Committee (UTC) meeting it was said that they hope to have construction completion and open in 2026. He asked about lighting on the trail. Pete said lighting could be run but he doesn't know for sure.

Pete said the State and the City are interested in keeping the developed areas of the property in good condition but will need to figure out irrigation, currently the owners are hauling hoses to water the landscaping.

David C. asked about the vision for the development of the area. Pete said would need to ask the City.

Colorado Riverfront Foundation – Nothing to report.

New Business –

Strategic Plan update preparation – David said the last strategic plan is out of date and in need in of an update. Would like to work on the update in 2024 and have the new document finalized for 2025. Will examine at the next meeting and set up a committee or a task force to start working on the update. If anyone is interested, please let David know.

Urban Trails Committee re-engagement – Ken was on the Urban Trail Committee many, many years ago and that the primary purpose was to get people to the riverfront trail. When he was on the committee it was more focused on trail planning. He said now that they have finished up the trailing

planning it might be a good time to reconnect and re-engage with the group. Michele stated that there has been a lot of turnover and she has lost touch with who she would need to connect with at the City. Henry said that there has been a lot of turnover and there has been several members who have termed out. They meet on the second Wednesday at 5:30pm in the back of the auditorium. George volunteered to attend next week and invite them to the February meeting.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Transparency and Governance – David talked about the Roles and Responsibilities and the request for members to review and make comments. He and Michele have received some comments so if anyone hasn't had time to review, please get them submitted. He and Michele will review and work up a draft for the February meeting. Comment made about getting minutes out shortly after the meeting, possibly posting minutes online.

Committee Updates – included in meeting packet.

Public Comment – Stephanie said group met and came up with a new mission and will hit the ground running at the next meeting.

Trails committee is meeting with Mesa County and hope to have a contract in place with the contractor for the trail completion to Palisade. David V. suggested reaching out to Rondo.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



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January 8, 2024

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Subject: Support for Clifton Water District's Grant Application to WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program, Bureau of Reclamation Funding Opportunity No. R24AS00052

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing on behalf of One Riverfront to express our full support for the Clifton Water District's (CWD) application for grant funding through the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program. We commend the CWD for its proactive efforts in water management and conservation, particularly in the deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and participation in the Colorado Water Loss Initiative (CWLI) program. In addition, we at One Riverfront look forward to continued collaboration toward achieving mutual goals such as increased public appreciation for our community's water and riparian resources. One Riverfront is honored to have an innovative and successful partner that does so much to improve water quality and community livelihood.

CWD's conversion of over 7,000 meters to AMI-compatible meters and the upcoming installation of an AMI data collection system reflect the CWD's commitment to practicing efficient water management. We believe that the proposed WaterSMART grant to help fund the installation of an AMI system, replacement of over 5,000 meters to AMI-compatible meters, along with the implementation of a customer portal, is a crucial step in maximizing the utilization of our limited water resources in western Colorado.

It is heartening to learn that the CWD is actively engaged in the CWLI program and has trained its staff in the American Water Works Association's (AWWA) M36 water audit process. The AWWA M36 water audit methodology is widely recognized as the industry's best practice for informed decision-making in water loss control. The CWD's commitment to these initiatives has already demonstrated positive outcomes, such as the recent

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identification and repair of a significant leak, leading to conservation of enough water to serve dozens of new water connections.

We believe that the tools and practices developed through the CWLI program will play a vital role in monitoring the performance of the AMI project and furthering the CWD's success in reducing water loss. One Riverfront is excited to support the CWD in its pursuit of enhanced water efficiency and conservation through the WaterSMART grant program.

Sincerely,

David Varner
One Riverfront, Chair