

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**  
**One Riverfront (ORF)**

**Minutes**  
**August 12, 2024**

**Called to Order:**

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

David Varner, chair	Nicole Grider	Ken Scissors
Sarah Brooks	Stefanie Harville	Joel Sholtes
David Combs		

Also present: Randall Reitz, City Council member, Marc Mancuso, Parks and Rec for the City of Fruita, Travis Haldman, Mesa County Parks, Pete Fermin, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Absent: Jane Quimby, Hayden Jensen, Jason Andrews, Meg Thorton.

**Approval of Minutes** – June minutes- Joel motioned to approve, Nicole seconded. June minutes were adopted.

**Announcements** – IGA meeting, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Joel will lead the meeting. David asked Joel to partner with Michele to create the agenda for that meeting.

Firefall concert – September 7<sup>th</sup> (still need greeters and bucket passers)

Tour of the Moon – September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – still need volunteers

**Partner Updates:**

**City of Grand Junction (Randall)**- Almost done with the agreement to purchase the land to expand the RFT to 29 Rd.

**Mesa County (Travis)**- not a lot going on with the trails, mostly just continuing maintenance. Lots of goat head removal and tree spraying. At the Audubon Section where it is eroded, the county will work to stabilize the bank there. Currently, there are easement issues that might affect how that part of the trail is maintained.

**City of Fruita (Mark)**- Partnering with City of GJ Arts Commission, Fruita recently received approval to paint the railroad bridge. The bike ride Sarah organized in Fruita was very informative for everyone. Working on signage directing people from the Riverfront Trail to across town. Reed Park and waterslide are set to open soon. There are new murals on Mulberry. Getting grants to take care of invasive species and working hard to maintain the existing infrastructure.

**Town of Palisade** – no one from Palisade available to attend.

**Colorado Parks & Wildlife (Pete)**- September 7<sup>th</sup>, cross country meet at Connected Lakes, park will be shut down. August 19<sup>th</sup> is the closing for Skinner property. There is some realignment happening through the Hieneckes.

**New Business –**

Motorized (motorcycles, mopheads, four-wheelers) on the RFT, what can we do to try to enforce this?

Sarah- has witnessed several different motorized vehicles in the SE area of the trail and in the Las Colonias area.

David V. asked Pete for their protocol- they have bollards, gates or rocks at most entrances. Bollards are effective for the ATV's. The best way to handle it is controlled access and cameras. He suggests getting plates/tag numbers to find the owner and reporting it to the non-emergency dispatch. Encourage people to report those instances so the issue gets attention and to document patterns.

Solutions might be education through social media, signs, rumble strips, encouraging a message of safety.

Marc suggested adapting to the situation instead of trying to stop it- ideas such as Commuter Times- indicating people traveling on the trail at higher speeds.

Nicole added that [bicyclecolorado.org](http://bicyclecolorado.org) provides guidance on multi-model trails.

Sarah asked the discussion be added to the IGA meeting agenda.

**October Ride –** Grand Valley Streets Alliance would like to partner with ORF on the monthly ride to host a group ride with education (skills, bike maintenance) before the ride. The ride would start in the Dos Rios/Las Colonias area. 9 or 10 am start with the workshop first and a shorter distance ride for families following. Marc suggested partnering with the Bike Tech program at Fruita Monument High School.

Other Rides – Sunday, August 25 ride with two meet options at Las Colonias at 8 am and 8:45 am at Corn Lake- bike to Paliside via the lower Fruit and Wine loop to the Farmer's Market for an hour and ride back.

David C. suggested a ride that encompasses the Clifton Farmer's Market. David and Sarah will work to coordinate.

Wednesday, Sept 18 is bike to work day. Sarah will lead an after-glow ride that evening most likely starting at the County building and ending at Base Camp Beer works.

Possible December Santa Clause ride.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business** – Final version of Roles and Responsibilities – David V. will have the finalized version at the next meeting. David reiterated that at vice-chair will be helpful with the purpose of graduating to the Chair position. That topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Committee Updates** – Trails Completion – emailed out with the meeting packet.

MEP Committee – No report for July.

**Public Comment** –

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.