

OLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
June 9, 2025

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm by chair, David Varner. Those present from ORF were:

David Varner, chair	Sarah Brooks	Jane Quimby
Hayden Janssen, vice-chair	Joel Sholtes	Meg Thornton

Also present: Travis Haldeman, Mesa County Facilities and Parks; and Pete Firmin, Colorado Parks and Wildlife;; Scott Beilfuss, City of Grand Junction council member – via call in

Absent: Stefanie Harville, Scott Andrews, David Combs, Nicole Grider, Alyssa Jones

Approval of Minutes – April minutes Hayden/Jane. Motion passed.

Public Comment – David

Did introduction for guests in the room –

Guests - David Lehman Grand Valley Streets Alliance, Loretta Salvio, applied for the board, Tom Freeman, works for local radio station, Randall Reitz, applied for the board

Jane stated that she and Sarah camped at one of the concerts last year and if anyone is interested in reserving the group campground at one of the concerts, let her know.

100th Birthday of the Roller Dam, Thursday, June 19th from 6pm-7pm at the Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Ave, Palisade

Announcements –

- a. Need volunteers to pass the bucket at CRCS, July 18th and August 15th – Michele passed around signup sheet.
- b. Need someone to give preshow speech at both concerts
 - i. Hayden volunteered for Julian Marley – July 18th
 - ii. David V. volunteered for Mark Chesnutt – August 15th
 - c. Tour of the Moon registration volunteer signup – September 12th and 13th
- i. 12+ - Michele passed around signup sheet
 - d. Tour of the Moon Course Marshalls volunteers – September 13th
- i. 3+ - Michele passed around signup sheet
 - e. Tour of the Moon booth? – September 13th
 - i. Michele passed around signup sheet- if at least four people don't sign up, will not have a booth.

- f. Monthly Rides or walk (July and August) – Hayden asked if anyone would like to take either of these months. Hayden mentioned the August doing a float – Joel/Randall
Megan/Loretta suggested July stationary event at Splash Pad- will need funds allocated for refreshments
- g. Father's Day ride (6/14) at 8:30am, meet at Botanic Gardens
- i. David and Jane to lead

Partner Updates:

City of Grand Junction – Welcomed Scott as new City of Grand Junction Ex-Officio. Working on the City budget so if there are any asks, will need to get info to the City. He is working on the homelessness and recycling. Volunteered to help at July 18th concert and Tour of the Moon. Michele to email him the signup sheets.

Mesa County – Travis said Mesa County is cleaning up after the weekend storm and hope to have cleaned up by tomorrow. He said he has no more information on the Audubon section but the County isn't going to do anything about it until it stabilizes. Once it's stabilized, County would go in and asphalt over the gravel. Joel stated something about ORF approaching Robert Small because he is losing property. Jane said she thinks there needs to be something to stop the erosion. Joel suggested possibility of having some engineering students work on it. He'll check into it and get back to the group. Joel asked if Mesa County would be interested in having an engineering intern take a look at it. Travis said that would be public works.

City of Fruita – Marc was unable to attend. He did not email a report to share with the group.

Town of Palisade – Troy was unable to attend. He did not email a report to share with the group.

CPW – Worked with Mesa County Public Works to get artwork on 29 Road. Started official river patrol. Hope to do more when they have personnel. Kevin Brian is the new senior ranger. July 16th to 18th Dike Road will be closed to put a pipe under the road to improve the wetlands. Electrician has been out to look at adding more electricity capacity for vendors to use rather than needing to use generators at the State Park in Fruita.

Farewell to outgoing board members – David thanked outgoing board members Scott, David, Nicole and Stefanie. The selection of new Board Members was difficult because there were many excellent candidates. New members are still being approved by our partners. They will hear from Kerry with the City Clerk's office on June 19th.

Trail Completion Committee Update – Joel, Sarah, Randall and Libby Collins had a meeting last week to look into how to get into Clifton Water and the Pike Property. There has been a feasibility study done by KLJ. CDOT isn't on board with the final piece of trail around 36 1/4. Will meet with Ty Jones of Clifton Water. The County volunteered to survey the property. Libby is going to come up with some ideas of how to work with the Pike family since they seem to be motivated by money. He asked Michele if she had any history, she said Joel may want to reach out to Greg Linza former Mesa County Parks and Facilities. Joel asked if

ORF would be able fund CWLT. Michele said the RFF funded CWLT on the Arnett property deal but would need to have an idea of the amount needed and then make grant request to the RFF. Joel said the next Trail Completion meeting will be July 8th at 6:00pm, invite will be sent out later.

MEP Committee Update – Michele

- a. Fundraising run for the Confluence Center in November on the riverfront trail
Michele explained that Ben Snyder approached Jenn Moore with Eureka about doing a run in November as a fundraiser for the Confluence Center. She volunteered the ORF board to help as volunteers the day of the event because it will be on the riverfront trail and in front of the new Confluence Center. Ben will be doing all the run organization. If it's successful, it could become an annual event. This event could take place of the monthly ride/walk for November
- b. Mile Marker update – Jane sent out the prototype to the group. Thanks to Stefanie for the sign design. Quote for the templates was \$135. Will also need to purchase paint. It was recommended that we acquire three sets of templates to be kept by various Board Members and in the ORF office. Fruita Trail Hosts have volunteered to help with painting. Michele asked Jane to get her costs of templates and paint so she can ask the RFF for the funds when the project is ready to go. Jane also stated arrows would be good in areas to help with the confusion of direction so people know where to go.

Next M/EP meeting is July 14th. Invite will be sent out later.

Hayden asked Michele to make sure everyone receives Chandler's email about the float trip. Have transferred the IGA meeting to GVORC. Have set it up to four different types of meeting with one annual meeting for all groups to attend.

Status of February Assigned Tasks from Poll

- a. Slide Presentation – Hayden has developed a slide deck to present to our partners
- b. ORF Agendas out to group > 10 days in advance – Michele
She is still working through the website issues
David is monitoring ORF and CoGJ websites- ORF website needs to be updated with 2025 meeting schedule and CoGJ ex-officio member; link to CoGJ site is broken; minutes are not available on CoGJ site
- c. Partner contact list – Michele emailed list to board asking for any additions or changes
- a. David suggested a spreadsheet might be more useable and updatable

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.