

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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Riverfront Commission (RFC)

Minutes
May 20, 2014

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair. Those present from the Commission were:

Brad Taylor	Frank Watt	Bob Fuller
Dr. Bill Findlay	Claudette Konola	Jason Bailey
Stacy Beaugh	Dr. Larry Copeland	

Also present were Dr. Kristin Heumann with UTC, Bennett Price with Town of Palisade, Town Board and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Lisa Eckert did not agree to give tour over Monument, Brad asked to have her name removed from that sentence. Bennett said that it was a barrel tasting not a taping. Jason/Bob. Motion passed.

Announcements – Michele passed around sign up sheets for volunteers for the Concert Series. IGA float trip is Friday, June 6th. RSVP's need to be in by next Thursday and need to know if need lifejacket.

Having problems with First Student for the bus so may have to cancel if they can't find a driver. Stacy asked if everyone could carpool – will consider if bus falls through.

Updates -

Mesa County – Greg is working on naming each section of the trail and coming up with new signs that are destruction proof.

City of Fruita – working on the Kokopelli Trail through the culverts under the railroad. Still working on the land with the private landowner. City of Fruita can't work directly with the landowner since using Federal grant dollars. Intermediary will go to landowner and make lowest offer even though Fruita would rather make a fair offer.

City of Grand Junction – Mike unable to attend.

Town of Palisade – Bennett P. said June 14th is the Bluegrass Festival. It continues to grow each year. Over 920 tickets have been sold so far.

Signing of House Bill of 1275 for the Shooting Range at the Kokopelli Fruit Stand May 30th at 11:00am. Frank explained why it was done via a House Bill. Frank said it will be 2,000 acres which will have water, sewer could be an issue. Will have trail easement along the river that

Frank would like to start work on as soon as transaction is complete. Frank said he's hoping to get at least to Island Acres.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete said nothing new to report.

UTC – Kristen said still working on Priority list – working with the City of Grand Junction's list of upcoming projects. RFC members asked

New Business –

Tour of the Moon movie – Michele explained what's going on with movie.

Western CO Outdoor Fest – didn't receive any money for the event. Michele talked to several of the vendors there that said they were there because it was inexpensive but not sure if they'd be back next year. They felt as did Michele that Britton was very disorganized.

Wrong Side of the Tracks event on July 3rd – Michele explained what it is and asked if RFC members wanted to participate. Botanic Gardens will be beneficiaries of the proceeds. Starts at the Sentinel and ends at Edgewater Brewery. Michele will send out email out with date and info for RFC members to check their calendars. Most felt it would be go idea to participate in this particular event.

Discussed other events and Brad asked what events RFC members want to participant in. Edgewater Beer Bottle Give Back, Outdoor Heritage Days, Monument Striders, Concert Series, Tour of the Moon. Group would like to participate in 2015 River Clean Up. Brad motioned that the RFC will participate in the above mentioned events and others will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Brad discussed participating in events before knife and folks group. He said it would be good to have another member of RFC attend with whoever was giving RFC presentation.

He said at the last RFF meeting the board agreed to pay for upgrades to the website and make up the short fall for the County funds for Michele's position and the shortfall of the El Pomar grant (asked for \$15,000 only received \$2,500).

Frank updated the group on the signs and passed around what the signs will look like. He is working on getting a Request for Proposal out. Palisade wants 3 signs, Greg wants 3, Walker Walker would like 1 sign – Frank hasn't heard from the City of Grand Junction.

There was no further new business.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan – Stacy passed around copies of the strategic plan. Brad talked about the current committees and how they fit in with the document. Stacy said she appreciated everyone's comments. Bill motioned to adopt. Frank second. Motion passed. Stacy stated she doesn't want to the set on a shelf. Claudette asked what's the next step. Brad asked if there is enough time for each of the committees. Claudette asked if there was a way to minimize the number of

committees. Strategic Plan needs to be presented to each partner entity. Michele will check with Stephanie Tuin and the City of Grand Junction to see what is the proper way for RFC to give presentation.

Brad talked about recruiting new members and new member 101. Event support, fund raising, Colorado Gives Day, he wants RFC in the media at least four times a year, KAFM, public presentations, he talked about the VCB open house for area front line staff, contacts with bike shops, School District 51.

He discussed the three strategies and the goals under each strategy and the opportunities to achieve measurable goals with the committees. Jason asked for clarification of what the co-chairs and Stacy meant. Stacy explained the matrix and priorities of goals and input and output to achieve those goals/priorities. Stacy said she has a lot of ideas that she came up while working on the strategic plan and from the last retreat. She and Brad will get the info back out to all RFC members.

Frank thinks we need a PowerPoint to show to all the elected officials.

Discussed the next step and good, measurable goals when giving annual update to all the government entities.

Brad asked all to read the strategic plan and think about the committees.

Public Comment – There was no public present.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.