

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Riverfront Commission (RFC)

Minutes
July 15, 2014

Called to Order:

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

Frank Watt	Bob Fuller	Cliff Sprinkle
Claudette Konola	Dr. Larry Copeland	Dr. Bill Findlay
Karen Jefferson	Stacy Beaugh	Jason Bailey

Also present were Eric Marchese with UTC, Bennett Price with Town of Palisade, Town Board, Frank Whidden with Mesa County and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Bill asked for clarification on the savings on Phase II and III – will need to get numbers from Greg Linza. Bill/Stacy. Motion passed.

Announcements – Concert on Thursday night. Michele will email volunteers a reminder. Striders Run on Saturday, July 26th. Michele will send out reminder emails to all volunteers. Frank and Stacy starring in documentary on Thursday at Riverbend Park, grant provided by Xcel to highlight the Tamarisk Coalition Desert River Collaborative. Tamarisk Coalition will be doing a breakfast down by the river (Blue Heron boat ramp) on July 30th morning at 8:00am. RSVP to the TC office 256-7400.

Updates -

Mesa County – Frank Whidden said Greg is hoping for the dedication ceremony towards the end of August. GOCO has responded that they will have a good presence at the event and hoping for good presence from the County Commissioners. The project will also come in under budget – not sure the exact amount until the project is complete.

City of Fruita – Bob said they have not received the maintenance contract from the railroad and were hoping to have received it earlier in the month. Have reached out to the railroad and they said they are still working on it. Haven't received a response from the private landowner and waiting to hear from them. Do have grants in place.

City of Grand Junction – Mike unable to attend.

Town of Palisade – Bennett P. said he hasn't received the final numbers on the Bluegrass Festival. Frank W. shared the following info even though it hasn't been shared with the Town Board, \$198,000 income, expenses \$142,500 so over a \$50,000 profit. Bar made \$40,000 of the \$50,000. Frank said it was a very successful event, thanked Cobb & Associates.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete was unable to attend.

UTC – Eric updated on the Priority List and how it works of importance on each listing. Frank W. said he did a chip seal on Alberta and 1st and will narrow the car lanes and will widen the shoulders for bikers. The UTC meeting on September 9th will be opened up to all bike and pedestrians to review the 2040 Plan. RTPRO staff will be in attendance.

Frank asked if had numbers on the Bike to Work Day. Eric didn't have the numbers but will get them.

New Business –

Striders Monument – Michele explained that Larry Ingram is looking to turn the event over to the RFC. Michele stated that if the RFC took it on, the member wishing to take it on, will need to take it on past their RFC term because she doesn't want it dropped back to her at a later date. Frank Whidden said to check with Jeff at the Health Department.

Larry spoke about the gentleman that helped work on the Katie Trail and wonder if there was any interest in having him come speak to the RFC.

There was no further new business.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan – Brad and Frank will be doing a presentation of the strategic plan next Tuesday. Still need to present to City of Fruita and to Mesa County.

Phase II and III dedication ceremony – will be having a meeting on Thursday and get new date out to all members. Very important for all RFC, RFF and UTC members to attend and show support for the project.

Advertising – nothing to report.

Safety and Signage – Frank said they only received one bid and it came in at \$150,000+ which is \$100,000 more than originally estimated. Frank said Angel Sign is working on cost savings. State Park must have a contractor install the signs; other entities can install their own signs. Will go with metal signs rather than vinyl but all of those things add up too.

Media and social – Shout out to Claudette for all the email blasts and Facebook posts. Website platform is being updated and hope to launch in the next few weeks.

Public Comment – There was no public present.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.