

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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Riverfront Commission (RFC)

Minutes
October 17, 2017

Called to Order:

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

Karen Jefferson	Stacy Beaugh	Orilee Witte
Dr. Larry Copeland	Claudette Konola	Laura Tyre Hannam
Laney Heath	Cathy Ventling	Dr. Fred Barbero

Also present Pete Firmin - Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Frank Watt – Town of Palisade and Michele Rohrbach.

Absent –Rondo Beucheler, Gale Foster, Laney Heath.

Approval of Minutes – Stacy/Claudette. Motion passed.

Announcements – Colorado Gives Day – Tuesday, December 5th. Michele will be getting everyone a thank you call list for 2016 donors.

IGA meeting – Thursday, December 7th at 7:00am at the old County Courthouse.

Updates –

Mesa County – County representative was unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Kyle was unable to attend.

City of Grand Junction – City representative was unable to attend.

Town of Palisade – Frank talked about the bridge project on Highway 141 and the detour of the riverfront trail. He suggested that Joe Carter be asked to present to the RFC and the RFF on the project. He mentioned that the environmental studies on the Palisade Plunge were going well and that they were on track for a Record of Decision in April. The widening of North River Road continues to be listed in Mesa County’s Capital Improvement Plan as does the 29 Road underpass.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) – It appears that CPW will allow class 1 and 2 **e-bikes** on CPW trails.

CDOT will provide a detour on the Riverfront trail at the 32 Rd underpass during bridge repair scheduled this next year.

BOR and Users of Lateral Ditch 110 each have projects that they are working on to place culverts under the riverfront trail. At this point, it looks like BOR will begin their work in the spring and it will require a temporary (1 week detour).

They are continuing their work with habitat restoration especially near 29 Rd.

Bookcliff Middle School repainted CPW's lane markers along the Riverfront trail east of 29 Rd. to Corn Lake.

New Business – Tamarisk Coalition conference grant request for \$1,000. Stacy gave an update on how the RFF has been a sponsor since the beginning and that the sponsorship includes one free registration. ? motioned. ? second. Motion was passed.

City of Grand Junction boat launch grant request for \$5,000. Discussed emailed information from Traci Wieland with Parks and Rec regarding the boat launch at Las Colonias. ? motioned. ? second. Motion was passed.

One Riverfront presentation – Stacy did the presentation she and Karen they gave to the Town of Palisade, City of Fruita, City of Grand Junction and Mesa County.

Old Business: – Tour of the Moon Update – turnout was great, weather wasn't. Very sad about the cyclist killed in freak accident. Michele will let everyone know when donation is received. Claudette asked about having a tent with the logo on it like the others did at the event, Karen stated it wasn't worth the money since those kinds of tents are expensive and would be used just a few times a year. Michele added that she has new table cover with One Riverfront logo – didn't get it in time for the Tour of the Moon event.

Community Streets Event Update – had over 200 people show up. Many families came out from the neighborhood. Most comments were very positive, few negative were booths were too far apart and not enough activities. Urban Trails Committee has begun work on 2018 event.

Round Up for the Riverfront RFC member progress – many stated that haven't made contact yet. Michele reviewed who has signed up and who is pending. With holidays coming up, it's really important that everyone try and get their businesses contacted and signed up before the first of the year.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.