

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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One Riverfront (OR)

Minutes
April 17, 2018

Called to Order:

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

Karen Jefferson, co-chair
Dr. Frank Barbero
Laurie Tyre
Jeffrey Fleming
Dr. Larry Copeland

Stacy Beaugh – co-chair
Laney Heath
Rondo Buecheler
Gale Foster

Absent – Catherine Ventling, Orilee Witte

Also Pete Firm, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Duke Wortman, City Council, Frank Watt, Brad Taylor, RFF, Dave Thornton City of Grand Junction, Kay Simmons of Mesa County and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Fred stated February minutes had a mistake under “City Council Frank” – there isn’t a Frank. Fred/Stacy. Motion passed.

Announcements – Passed around a sign up sheet for the Concert Series and Palisade Plunge Fundraiser which is the same night as the first concert.

Three openings for the Riverfront Commission – Stacy, Gale and Jeffrey. Stacy stated she hopes Gale and Jeffrey will reapply. Her position will be open since she is moving to Durango. She and Karen have spoken with Fred and Catherine to help with the co-chair position and co-chair elect position. Last year went out and recruited people we were interested in having on the commission but recruiting does not guarantee those individuals will be chosen.

Colorado River Fest – Stacy explained what the event is and that this is new event and still waiting to hear more. Currently scheduled for July 20th, 21st and possibility 22nd but will be dependent upon construction of the Outdoor Business Park. Will provide more info as it becomes available.

IGA Bike Ride – June 29th – will start at State Park in Fruita; ride the new Kokopelli Trail Connection to Loma Boat Launch and back. Will have breakfast/brunch after the ride.

Tour of the Moon sign up sheet – Friday, September 28th and Saturday, September 29th. The organizers asked if One Riverfront would be interested in doing a ride.

Partner Updates:

Palisade – Frank talked about speed reduction on North River Road making it easier to share the road. Construction has started at Cameo and already have 60 events booked. Will hear tomorrow if the Town got the FMLA grant – would be used to build some of the plunge trail and may have a chance for a GOCO grant. Frank has applied for a grant through the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation with the RFF being the fiscal agent. Have a new administrator coming on soon – have narrowed it down to two. Have a new board and one board member only served two days and had to resign.

Frank wanted to thank Stacy for being a great friend and for all the work she has done to help the Town of Palisade and it will great a hole.

Duke asked about the “Clamping property” – Frank said there are a few issues that he still needs to work through with Mesa County.

Rondo said that he will be putting on the Grand Valley Marathon May 5th to raise funds to replace the brown Fruit and Byway Signs. Brews and Cruise event to follow.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete said that Bureau of Reclamation is replacing culvert and will close the trail this week. There will be detour on 31 Road. Doing a lot of reclamation and it will continue into May.

Laney asked about the lady unhappy with hunting along the trail. He said she was told that hunting will still continue along the trail and she was directed to other sections of trail where hunting isn't allowed.

Mesa County – 29 Road Underpass should be close to completion by the end of this month or early next month. Michele will keep the group informed.

City of Fruita – City of Fruita representative unable to attend.

City of Grand Junction – Duke didn't have anything to share with the group.

New Business – Grand Junction Circulation Plan – Dave did presentation starting with the 2010 Grand Valley Circulation Plan (21 Road to 34 Road) which is the City's planning effort. He touched on the Urban Trails Master Plan which the City does use but the County does not use for planning purposes. In 2018 it is the City's goal to merge the two maps into the Circulation Plan which would include Network Map and Street Map,

Dave spent some time on the Draft Active Transportation Map which shows major corridors important for non-motorized travel, providing critical, continuous and convenient connections for bicyclists and pedestrians. This map will replace 2001 Urban Trails Map.

He showed the active transportation map which showed roads, canal and drainage ways.

He stated that on the proposed map the City has removed __ miles of canals but have added more along drainages.

There will be a Public Hearing in May. He also said he would appreciate a letter of support from One Riverfront if possible. Michele reminded the Board members that she emailed out the presentation earlier today.

Fred commented about Tour of the Moon Byway and couple of problematic areas, one at Question Mark Hill - Wedding Canyon subdivision area and the other area is at the Seasons by Tiara Rado, Dave said that the hope is to make improvements to all areas but it may take several years. Kay stated that some of the areas mentions are more in the County but the County currently doesn't have a Trail Map and hopes that someday they do. Stacy asked Dave if someone has comments on particular areas it is best to go to open house – he said to email him.

Stacy asked when Dave would need letter. He said by next Wednesday. Duke motioned to draft letter of support. Fred second. Motion passed.

Old Business – Revote on the Palisade Plunge – Karen reviewed what happened at the last meeting and where it fit into the Strategic Plan. March vote ended in tie. Karen asked if anyone had new info to provide before taking the second vote.

Fred proposed financially supporting the project in good faith. He suggested making it a matching grant.

Stacy asked since she wasn't at the meeting and didn't understand where the trail construction was planned. Rondo said that ultimately it will tie into Island Acres. Karen explained that support doesn't just mean financially but through volunteering for fundraising event, especially the event on May 24th.

Fred asked what the timeline will be pushing out towards Palisade. Stacy stated that Palisade is working on what they can but it will take time.

Rondo motioned in support. Larry second. Motion passed.

Round Up for the Riverfront progress – Stacy talked about hiring an Administrator for Round Up. Currently have received three applications and had two inquiries. Have a couple of RFF members who will help with interviews.

Have a couple more to add to the participation list – Kiln Coffee, Many River Brewery. Have spoken to Loki.

Public Comment – Brad stated he'd like to thank Stacy for all her efforts for One Riverfront. She will be sorely missed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Future agenda item – Trail to Island Acres