

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

One Riverfront (ORF)

Minutes
August 21, 2018

Called to Order:

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

Karen Jefferson, co-chair
Laney Heath
Dr. Larry Copeland
Rondo Buechler

Dr. Fred Barbero, co-chair
Laurie Tyre
Orilee Witte
Catherine Ventling

Also Pete Firm, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Duke Wortman, City Council, Currey Ventling, Round Up for the Riverfront, David Varner, RiversEdge West and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Fred stated he was listed as “Frank” in the June minutes rather than Fred. Fred/Larry. Motion passed.

Announcements – IGA meeting – September 6th at 7:00am in Training Room A at 544 Rood Avenue. Orilee volunteered to attend the meeting to report back at the October meeting. IGA Bike Ride on Friday, September 21st at 8:00am at the James M. Robb Colorado State Park in Fruita.

Partner Updates: Riverfront Foundation – Karen updated that the City of Grand Junction’s grant request for the slough project at Las Colonias (previous pledged \$5,000 for the boat launch and request to move it to the slough project and additional request of \$10,000 for the project). The RFF approved the request.

UTC Community Streets event on October 20th – requested \$500. RFF approved.

Karen reported on the Round Up and the RFF wanted to know if any new businesses were signed up. Karen had to report there were no new ones added since April meeting.

Bennett Property – Gale notified the RFF that the brother was no longer living on the property and should reach out to the family. Bill Prakken has reached out to Betty Alderman to see if the family was interested. Betty said her brother was hoping to come back but she would talk to him and her sister.

Palisade – Greg Mikolai was unable to attend.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Pete was unable to attend.

Mesa County – County was unable to attend.

City of Fruita – Michele read Ture’s email update: “Please pass on to all Colorado Riverfront Foundation and Commission Board and Staff members and let them know all of the Riverfront organization is invited to attend the Trail Dedication Ceremony for the Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail. The Kokopelli Trail Section would never have been built without the help of the Riverfront Foundation and Commission and we truly would like to see as many staff there as possible - so we can thank each and every one of you in person. The ceremony will be on *Thursday evening, October 11th in Downtown Fruita at Civic Center Park from 6:00 – 9:00 pm*. But, you are also welcome to help COPMOBA and us scratch in the last several feet of single-track trail near the Kokopeli Trailhead in Loma – actually at the Loma Exit. This will start at 5:00 pm and then we will ride into Fruita on the new 4.5-mile trail section. We hope it will be a fun evening filled with the cool Fruita-vibe that everyone has become accustomed to – we will have live music, a fire pit, beer garden and of course the dedication speeches capped off by the ‘tire cutting’.

Please note that we have scheduled the Trail Dedication to coincide with several activities occurring in Fruita that week. T.H.E Trail Summit, a conference dedicated to talk about trail and recreation based economic development, will take place Wednesday through Friday that week.

There are attendees from around the country as well as from around the world (Australia is represented). And we have a great list of speakers / panelists lined up to share their knowledge – from local, state and federal officials to trail builders, ‘dirt farmers’ and industry leaders. All of T.H.E. Trail Summit attendees are invited to the dedication that evening. Please visit <https://thetrailsummit.com/> for more information on the Summit.

We have also scheduled an open house to occur that evening to gather information on the North Fruita Desert Trail System (also called 18 Road). In conjunction with BLM and COPMOBA, we are developing the Master Plan for 18 Road and we thought - what better place to get information on the trail system than at an event that will have a lot of cycling enthusiasts in attendance. Long story short, we have a lot planned and we think this will be a great evening for Fruita”.

City of Grand Junction – Duke said City has received \$1 million from DOLA for Downtown Two Rivers Convention project which will bring funding up to up to \$2.55 million. Moved money from 2019 budget to 2018 to continue work at Las Colonias.

Interviewed prospective members for the RFC last and moved names forward. Karen added that the process is applicants are interviewed and then must be approved by each entity.

Heard outstanding comments made at the Outdoor Recreation show about the Grand Valley.

New Business – Discoverability Event on September 18th at Edgewater. They are asking One Riverfront for non-monetary support – use of One Riverfront’s logo in promotional materials and for us to promote the event on our social media.

Old Business –

CRCS update – Michele stated last concert was sold out. She's still working on the final numbers and will have them for the next meeting.

Round Up for the Riverfront – Karen thanked Currey for being here tonight. Currey gave update on what she's been doing. She said that Trailhead Coffee has signed up – they will be doing a donation jar. Loki will be picking a day in the fall for give back. She will be reaching out to several businesses now that summer is over and she's back in school, she has more time available for the project. She also is waiting on a call from Brad with Bicycle Outfitters.

Please forward any business names or contacts to Currey.

Rondo said he's doing 1% for the Plunge and it's working and would be happy to help Currey so she can show businesses how easy it is.

Public Comment – Larry commented that his friends he takes to the concerts complain about the late start of the concerts. Michele explained why they start late and he will share that with them.

Orilee asked about the updated trail map for the signs. Michele said she sent it Rob.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.