

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

683-4333

Minutes

April 17, 2012

Called to Order:

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

Katie Steele	Ken Henry	Karen Jefferson
Brad Taylor	Frank Watt	Leila Reilly
Stacy Beaugh	Mary Ann Cooper	John Pabst

Also present were Donna Ross with Mesa County; Bennett Boeschstein, GJ City Council; Greg Linza with Mesa County; Al Pfister, Riverfront Partners Coordinator.

Approval – Frank/Karen. Motion passed.

Announcements –

GOCO presentation-Greg summarized what occurred during the visit; went well; Ken Henry, Donna Ross, Steve Acquafresca were also in attendance; Google street view, bus tour went well also. Tom Burke, Tillie Bishop, Katie Steele and 2 GOCO staff were at the tour. The awards will be posted on June 13. A total of \$3.5 million for Phase 3; Ken added was excellent presentation

The Saturday, April 14th, bus tour was cancelled due to poor attendance-only 3 people were present.

Upcoming Events:

Outdoor Heritage Day - 5th event ; fewer agencies participating this year; free lunch will be available; 1100 fishing poles will be given out, release of native fish around noon .

The Family Fun Day 5k Run/ Walk – all on track; signup sheet passed around; on track with TV stations Brad will coordinate with KREX; no registrations yet

June meeting in Palisade; try see washouts at meeting; dinner may be provided; new council members need to be encouraged to attend.

Special event: Brad Taylor introduced CMU students Char Pace and Casey Pinter- gave PowerPoint presentation ; Professor Georganne Jouflas, with business school , project started at first of year; talked

about history of Commission and where going; first 25 and next 25; need to get a business sense to the Commission, need different way to fund; accelerated program for students almost final product

Biggest issue grown so big that octopus with tentacles, working on their assessment of the Commissions efforts since January; process emphasized strategic audit

Final report to be submitted by May 9; Comments need to be to Brad within next week from today so Brad can get to CMU and comments can be included in final report.

Updates:

Old Spanish trail – nothing

National Conservation Area- committee is putting preferred recommendation forward to BLM; next meeting is in May

25th anniversary – all on website

Palisade work session with Town Board-May 8 at 6pm on repair work at Riverbend Park; will present concept, hope Corps of Engineers and Fish Wildlife Service reps will accept; will be hard for town to do what agencies want to do; good public and Hwy 6 plan- lot support increase access to Riverbend park.

Bennett – City of Grand Junction doing work on Three Sisters project, Las Colonias project; meeting tomorrow at Whitman school moving Riverfront project forward; fundraising still ongoing for Three Sisters

Need to get Greenway Foundation to attend Commission meeting to say what they've learned and relay lessons learned.

Concern about homeless along River raised; how to address their needs and make trail experience better.

Note made about success of tamarisk removal along the trail.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Brad moved to adjourn; Frank seconded.