



MEETING NOTES
May 5, 2021 7:30 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Ryan Davis, Chip Fisher, Erika Gibson, Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute, and Chris Treese. City Council Liaison Shelley Kaup, Commission Staff Liaison Trent Hyatt, Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy) and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith were also present.

Receipt of the Minutes from April 7 , 2020

Commissioner Treese provided a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting. All were in favor.

Comments

Riparian Plantings/Guide Webinar Follow Up - The group discussed the recent public outreach webinar regarding the City's riparian planting guide with Randy Mandel and Lisa DiNardo. The Commission would like to provide copies of the new guide to various landscaping businesses in the valley.

Three Mile Creek Confluence Restoration Project – Chairman Moffatt recognized a recent article in the Post Independent related to the acceptance and allocation of grant funds for the project.

Fall Riparian Planting – The Commission discussed options for the fall riparian planting day. Mr. Hyatt stated that Lisa DiNardo has some ideas for plants that would thrive in the new rock wall at Two Rivers Park.

Adoption of Revised 2021 Action Items/Commissioner Assignments

The Commission discussed various action and commissioner assignments. Commissioner Gibson moved and Commissioner Treese seconded adoption of the action items. All were in favor.

RiverFEST

Details regarding this year's RiverFEST were addressed including sponsorships, music, volunteer gifts, waste/recycling, etc.

Other Comments

Mr. Rudow updated the group on upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance and potential canyon closure impacts. Vice Chairman Schreiber discussed water quality monitoring of the fire impacts by USGS.

Councilor Kaup stated that Paula Stepp would be the City Council liaison for the River Commission moving forward. The Commissioners thanked her for the great support of the group over the last few years.

Commissioner Shute asked about water restrictions in the City. The group discussed various issues associated with water restrictions and better ways to actually conserve water. Commissioner Gibson discussed the possibility of a letter to the editor to address the issue. Commissioner Shute also discussed his concerns over trash in Two River Park.

Commissioner Gibson brought up a riparian planting days volunteer opportunity coming up in May with the Middle Colorado Water Council.