



MEETING NOTES
June 2, 2021 7:30 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Receipt of the Minutes from May 5, 2021

Commissioner Shute provided a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting. All were in favor.

River Access Points, Improvements, and Map

Dan Roper spoke with the group about various City owned properties adjacent to rivers, specifically the Lone Pine property west of the high school. These areas are seeing heavy use and improvements may be necessary to protect and/or improve these areas to accommodate recreation. Erosion control and shoring up of social trails may be required. The group decided it was important to restart the conversation by floating the rivers through town to review and prioritize areas needing improvement and/or stabilization. Thereafter, mapping update could occur accordingly with Parks and Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce. A project to complete potential improvement could occur in the fall.

Sub-committee/Project Updates

RiverFEST 2021 – The group discussed the event budget and fundraising to date. Additionally, the Commission provided recommendations for food catering, event activities and booths including one for the Commission.

Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance – Mr. Rudow recommended the group follow the organizations website. He mentioned Saturday's volunteer event was full but that others were forthcoming. Mr. Rudow encouraged review of the temperature tool and story map provided by the Roaring Fork Conservancy.

Three Mile Creek Confluence Restoration Project – Vice Chairman Schreiber mentioned that bathymetric surveying is expected to occur in next couple of weeks. He also explained that we expect an increase in project cost due to COVID.

Other Comments

Vice Chairman Schreiber reminded the Commission that is City is still on watering restrictions. Mr. Roper explained how Parks is limiting watering. The group discussed how to improve the City's water conservation efforts.

Mr. Rudow discussed the Conservancy's Hot Spots for Trout volunteer stream temperature program. Mr. Roper mentioned a new community engagement position being posted.