



**MEETING NOTES**  
**July 7, 2021 7:30 AM**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Chip Fisher, Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute, and Chris Treese. Ryan Davis and Erika Gibson were absent. City Council Liaison Paula Stepp, City Councilor Shelley Kaup, Commission Staff Liaison Trent Hyatt, Assistant City Manager Jenn Ooton, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith, and Parks Superintendent Dan Roper were also present.

**Consideration of Recommendation from CO River District Regarding Permanent Watering Restrictions**

Mr. Hyatt mentioned that Councilor Stepp ask the Commission to consider this item. Councilor Stepp discussed the importance of water conservation in lieu of the City's recent water constraints due to debris flows near our intakes in No Name and Grizzly Creeks and the overall drought situation facing the west. She discussed the need to balance water use, infrastructure improvement needs, and water rates in the City. Various opinions were voiced both for and against such a standard. While good practice, Chairman Moffatt explained that the restriction does not take into account each jurisdictions water rights/water quantity. Councilor Kaup explained that the City should consider taking steps to address potential climate change impacts to our water supply. She also reminded the group that the City almost lost the ability to draw water from our secondary source on the Roaring Fork River during the 2018 drought season. Commission Treese recommended better coordination for watering days and times between communities. The group discussed various conservation options such as incentive, more raw water irrigation, and better fixtures. Ms. Ooton mentioned the Planning and Zoning Commission's upcoming work session to discuss regulation revision to limit the amount and type of landscaping for development in the City.

**Sub-committee/Project Updates**

*RiverFEST 2021* – The group discussed progress with the event planning and advertising efforts. Fundraising and raffle prizes ideas were also mentioned.

**Other Comments**

Chairman Moffatt mentioned the need to address the noxious weeds growing along the new bank at Two Rivers Parks and at the Three Mile Creek confluence. The discussed volunteering to improve the issue.

Vice Chairman Schreiber expressed concerns from the boating community regarding swimming at the Two Rivers Boat ramp. Commissioner Shute discussed his concern with vehicles idling at the ramp.

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.

Vice Chairman Schreiber discussed the City's water quality monitoring at South Canyon. Mr. Smith explained that the City will be reviewing management options for the area.

Commissioner Shute mentioned Literacy Outreach wanting to create a class related to water conservation specific to the Latino community.

Vice Chairman Schreiber mentioned the City's intent to make improvement to floodplain hydraulics in Mitchell Creek and need to understand fish passages. He also mentioned the City's forthcoming stormwater management study.