



MEETING NOTES
May 6, 2020 7:30 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Ryan Davis, Erika Gibson, Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Elise Osenga, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, and Chris Treese. Brendon Langenhuizen and Joel Shute (alternate) were absent. Sarah Gordon, Kendall Bakich (CO Parks and Wildlife), Al Laurette (Parks Superintendent), Jenn Ooton (Assistant City Manager), Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy), Brian Smith (Parks and Recreation Director), and Trent L. Hyatt (Senior Planner/River Commission Staff Liaison) were also present.

Receipt of the Minutes

Commissioner Treese made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Schreiber, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Riparian Setback

Mr. Hyatt provided an update on the code amendment process and explained that a delay was expected due to COVID-19. Ms. Ooton explained that funding for the mapping of the ordinary high-water mark would likely be eliminated to deal with the City's related fiscal constraints. Chairman Moffatt opined that the mapping mostly benefits new development and the standard is still needed to protect existing vegetation. Vice Chairman Schreiber recommended seeking a grant to fund the mapping.

Devereux Road Refuse Proposal

Mr. Hyatt explained the proposal he received from Audrey Burgio recommending various options to cleanup and eliminate the accumulation of trash in the area including trash cans and signage. Mr. Smith explained the budget and labor constraints the City expects due to the COVID-19 pandemic moving forward. Chairman Moffatt recommended the preparation of a cost estimate for the improvement proposed by Ms. Burgio. Vice Chairman Schreiber recommended the group consider an "Adopt the River" program.

Sub-Committee Updates

Public Outreach – Ms. Gibson and Ms. Osenga discussed options that do not require large groups to convene for a riparian related speaker. The group decided to look into online options.

Three Mile Creek Confluence Project – Vice Chairman Schreiber explained that the City's \$15,000 contribution to the project may be in jeopardy due to the pandemic.

Two Rivers Park Shoreline Restoration – The group discussed the visit to the construction site that occurred March 5 and when the park may reopen.

Confluence Update – N/A

RiverFEST 2020 - Mr. Hyatt expressed the need to consider a different approach to the group's river cleanup this year to group size restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. He explained that smaller group cleanups may work. Mr. Rudow explained that he would report back on RFC's plans for this year's Frying Pan cleanup.