



MEETING NOTES
September 2, 2020 7:30 AM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Erika Gibson, Brendon Langenhuizen, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute (alternate), and Chris Treese. Ashley Moffatt, Ryan Davis, and Elise Osenga were absent. Councilor Shelley Kaup, Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy), and Jenn Ooton (Assistant City Manager) were also present.

Receipt of the Minutes from August 5, 2020

Commissioner Gibson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Riparian Setback Update

The group discussed the 20 percent disturbance area currently being considered by City Council as opposed to the 10 percent recommended by the River Commission and 50 percent recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Various other language revision recommendations were discussed by the group.

Grizzly Creek Fire Recovery

Assistant City Manager Jenn Ooton provided information on the local recovery team and stated that Chairman Moffatt is representing the River Commission. She explained that the City is working with federal partners to protect our water source and intake from sediment loading in the Grizzly Creek drainage. Ms. Ooton indicated that the existing water treatment plant was designed to treat clean water and the city needs approximately \$2.3 million for plant upgrades related to the fire for which we are currently seeking grants. There was discussion of continued public education discussing watershed health. It was discussed that even though the fire is being contained that does not mean water restrictions will be limited as diversion off the Roaring Fork will continue for a while due to burn effects on the watersheds. The opportunity to educate people through the radio was also discussed.

State Water Plan Update

Commissioner Langenhuizen provided an update on the State Water Plan Update project. He explained that completion is expected in July 2021.

GOCO Restore Grant

The group discussed the grant opportunity as a means to fund projects such as Three Mile Confluence improvement or for a Citywide riparian study and plan.

Fall Public Outreach Discussion

The group discussed the opportunity for fire related discussion including key people such as engineers, scientist, USFS, City, State and Federal Resources.