



MEETING NOTES

May 1, 2019 7:30 AM

**Glenwood Springs City Hall
Council Chambers**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Ryan Davis, Erika Gibson, Sarah Gordon, Chairman Brendon Langenhuizen, Vice Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Elise Osenga, Scott Schreiber, and Chris Treese. Shelley Kaup (City Council), Kendall Bakich (CO Parks and Wildlife) Parks Al Laurette (Parks and Recreation Superintendent), Christina Medved (Roaring Fork Conservancy), Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy), Brian Smith (Parks and Recreation Director), and Trent Hyatt (Senior Planner) were also in attendance.

Receipt of the Minutes

Commissioner Gordon moved, Commissioner Gibson seconded, and all members were in favor of accepting the minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting.

Keep it Clean Campaign

Christina Medved, Director of Community Outreach with Roaring Fork Conservancy, was in attendance to discuss the program and City's involvement therein. She explained that the effort came out of the 2012 Colorado River Watershed Agreement which encouraged parties to implement education and outreach measures across the western slope. A budget was created from 2016-2017 to utilize the existing *Keep it Clean* platform and a unified message related to drinking water supply. The *Keep it Clean* program utilizes familiar characters Jo and Flo, "Keep it Clean, Cause We're All Downstream" tagline, signage, etc. to share a consistent message throughout the state. Ms. Medved shared how the program can help with stenciling additional storm drains in the City, signage at various City tributaries, and having Jo and Flo attend RiverFEST in August.

Sub-Committee Updates

Two Rivers Park – Brian Smith explained that City Council would discuss the project at their meeting the next day. He stated the newly seated Council would discuss aspects of the project such as history, boat ramp alignment/design, removal of the island bridge connection, trail improvements, amphitheater removal, and whether to continue funding the design.

River Access Points and Boat Ramps – The subcommittee explained that a design for a boat ramp south of airport is necessary to if the City would like to apply for future construction grant funding and to possibly request funds in next year’s budget.

Public Outreach – Mr. Hyatt stated he would send the draft Veltus Park restoration signage to those who helped prepare the conceptual draft. Additionally, he stated he is awaiting funds from the state for the creation riparian homeowners guide.

Three Mile Confluence – The kickoff meeting for the project is scheduled for May 10.

RiverFEST – A tiered fundraising approach is being used this year.

Budget Priorities

The group decided to make the budget/funding prioritization request outlined below to City Council (via the Community Development Department) for 2020:

1. \$5,000 - Public Outreach/Awareness/Education related to watershed and riparian health for various activities such as annual river cleanup, river access (fishing, boating, etc.) mapping/updates, workshops for homeowners/local landscaping companies, additional design/printing of forthcoming riparian manual, etc.
2. \$30,000 – Engineered design of an additional boat ramp along the Roaring Fork River on City owned property south of the airport.
3. \$40,000 – Revegetation of riparian area disturbed during the construction of the Red Mountain Passage bridge (used for heavy equipment access to pylon). Project to include design for foot only access to the river and riparian restoration plantings.