



MEETING NOTES

September 4, 2019 7:30 AM

**Glenwood Springs City Hall
Council Chambers**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Erika Gibson, Elise Osenga, and Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber. Chad Rudow, Councilors Shelley Kaup and Steve Davis were in attendance. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Al Laurette and Assistant City Manager Jenn Oton were also present.

Receipt of the Minutes

Commissioner Schreiber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Property

Commission members discussed setting dates for a riparian/stream bank planting on the Raymond Property and inviting City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Commission to participate in the event. The board tentatively agreed to schedule the planting for 9am-1pm on October 12, and to include a small presentation regarding river health during the volunteer day.

Riparian Setback

Members of the commission discussed their attendance at the City's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in July to support proposed code changes to Title 070 related to a riparian setback. The commission also discussed the proposed alternative draft language presented to the River Commission by Gary Vick who lives along the Roaring Fork River. The commission members discussed adding proposed definitions of the Ordinary High Water Market and clearing, as well as whether trimming native plant materials would be allowed under the current proposal. The commissioners also noted that the River Commission intended the 10 percent area where native vegetation could be removed within the setback to be considered as an access corridor. Members of the commission asked questions of staff regarding the process. Ms. Oton explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission would consider the proposal again at their September 24 meeting, and that the staff report would be very similar to what had been presented to the Planning Commission previously, but that it would address the question raised regarding rebuilding non-conforming structures. Individual River Commission members will review Gary

Vick's alternative proposal and individually email staff liaison Trent Hyatt with their thoughts for compilation. Councilor Kaup requested that staff review the changes recommended by Mr. Vick and make a recommendation to Council.

7th Street Discussion

The commission briefly discussed the River Commission's recommendation regarding vehicular traffic on 7th Street and noted the overall conversation to open the street to traffic will be taken up for Council decision on Sept. 5.

Councilor Kaup left the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Sub-Committee Updates

The commission members asked staff and Councilor Davis about the timeline for the bid for the Two Rivers Shoreline Restoration project and discussed attending the meeting on Sept. 19 to support the project.

Ms. Gibson asked members of the commission if they had potential topics for a newspaper column being written by Doug Winter and the Middle Colorado Watershed Council.