



MEETING NOTES

January 9, 2018 7:30 AM

**Glenwood Springs City Hall
Council Chambers**

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Erika Gibson, Chairman Brendon Langenhuizen, Vice Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Scott Schreiber, and Chris Treese. Ryan Davis, Sarah Gordon, and Mark Feinsinger (alternate) were absent. City Councilors Steve Davis and Shelley Kaup, Kendall Backich (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), City Attorney Karl Hanlon, Kyle Holt, Senior Planner Trent Hyatt, and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith were also in attendance.

Receipt of the Minutes

Vice Chairman Moffatt recommended a revision to minutes to acknowledge Commissioner Gordon's attendance at the December meeting. Vice Chairman Moffatt moved, Commissioner Gibson seconded, and all members were in favor of accepting the minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting, as amended.

Recreational In-Channel Diversion Application Update

City Attorney Karl Hanlon updated the group on the progress of the three and one half year long recreational in-channel diversion application in Colorado Water Court. He stated he expects the City's will obtain conditional approval of the application in the first or second quarter of 2019. Mr. Hanlon discussed three possible locations for the in-stream whitewater improvements associated with the water rights being sought. He explained that relationships with Front Range water users and the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement have benefitted the process. Kendall Kakich mentioned that Colorado Park and Wildlife (CPW) is finding issues with the siting of existing in- steam structures and their impacts to fish habitat. She expressed that CPW would like to discuss the matter with the City in the future prior to the installation of any new strucutres.

Mr. Hanlon was asked whether he had made any progress on a riparian setback standard since the work session with City Council in October 2018 and stated that it is on his list of things to address.

Commissioner Terms/Election of Officers

Mr. Hyatt stated that Vice Chairman Moffatt's and Commissioner Davis' terms on the River Commission expired in February 2019 and encouraged they reapply if they wish to continue serving.

Commissioner Schreiber moved, Commissioner Gibson seconded, and all were in favor of electing Chairman Langenhuizen and Vice Chairman Moffatt to continuing serving in their respective roles for 2019.

2019 Priorities/Funding Sources/Grant Options

The group reviewed their 2018 priorities as a basis for setting goals for 2019. Various updates to existing priorities were discussed and new items were recommended such as an additional spring river clean-up with the rafting business community, airport area boat ramp, restoration of areas disturbed with the construction of the Red Mountain Passage bridge, boat ramp permitting, and monitoring the City water supply. The Commission decided to revise the priorities accordingly and officially adopt them at the February meeting.

Committee Updates

The recommendation was made to break out access point projects into short and long term goals.

Revegetation of the former Raymond property was discussed as a potential spring volunteer project similar to that which was done at Veltus Park in fall 2018. Kyle Holt recommended the Commission reach out the Roaring Fork Guide Alliance for volunteer help in the future.