



MEETING NOTES
April 7, 2022 7:30 AM
Meeting, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Chip Fisher, Erika Gibson, Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute, Kyle Holt, Hunter Causey and Chris Sharrow. Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy), City Council Liaison to the River Commission Paula Stepp, Assistant City Manager Jenn Ooton, Parks Superintendent Dan Roper, and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith were present.

Landscaping

Ms. Ooton explained that waterwise landscaping changes to Title 070 in the Municipal Code will be considered by City Council at an upcoming meeting. The proposed code changes will put in place water efficient landscaping standards and prohibit high-use water turf. Mr. Roper said that several city projects will be demonstration projects, including the Red Mountain water line project near Midland Avenue, the new Parks Headquarters building improvements on Soccer Field Road, So. Midland reconstruction project and bioswales along Airport Road as part of the South Bridge Project. Staff will bring the proposed language to the next River Commission meeting. Questions included what the plant list will look like and if those plants would be available locally.

Educational Webinars and other Outreach

Commission members discussed holding one or more webinars this spring to discuss the City's water supply, new Recreational In-Channel Diversion decree, and waterwise/xeriscaping projects. Chair Schreiber and Ms. Gibson said they would work with Staff Liaison Trent Hyatt to plan the events, including potentially reaching out to Jonathan Kelly from Wright Water Engineers to participate.

Mr. Roper let the Commission know that Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers is partnering with the city for a training opportunity for a paid trail crew that will be working at Maroon Bells this summer. Parks and Recreation is also working with Wilderness Workshop on a local event for July 23 at Two Rivers Park, which is part of a nationwide Latino Conservation initiative.

Sub-Committee/Project Updates

Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance – Mr. Rudow explained that the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers is leading efforts on the Canyon Alliance and that volunteer efforts withing the Grizzly

Creek burn area will not be undertaken with volunteers. Council Liaison Stepp stated her organization is working on a sign update project for Glenwood Canyon in coordination with the US Forest and that they are also continuing to work on the water quality monitoring and rain gauges program.

Three Mile Confluence Project – Mr. Schreiber explained that the City only received one bid for the Three Mile Confluence Project, which was substantially over the engineers estimates at \$1.4million. There is a potential that the project would need to be put back out to bid this fall.