

GLENWOOD SPRINGS RIVER COMMISSION

MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 6, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Commission in attendance included Chairman Jeremy Heiman, Larry Heinrichs, Tommy Hilleke, Brendon Langenhuizen, Councilman Leo McKinney, and Patrick Murphy. Tom Barnes, Drew Gorgey, Trent Hyatt, and Steve Vanderleest represented City staff.

Mr. Hyatt requested the discussion regarding the Interim Boat Ramp Repairs at Two Rivers Park be moved to the end of the agenda.

Review of Designs and Truss Configurations for the Midland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

Assistant City Engineer Steve Vanderleest updated the Commission on the Midland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Project and asked for a recommendation for one of the three designs presented. The Commission decided unanimously to recommend arched design no. 3. Core-Ten, self-rusting/oxidizing steel material is proposed. Steve explained that construction of the bridge will commence in the summer of 2016 via funds from a Federal Mineral Lease District grant. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department would maintain the bridge. The Commission recommended that lighting needs for the proposed bridge be discussed with Police Chief Terry Wilson. Acting City Manager Drew Gorgey recommended staff advertise and promote the project.

Upcoming Commissioner Term Expirations

Chairman Jeremy Heiman explained the commissioner terms are limited to two unless City Council deems someone a vital member. Larry Heinrichs stated his term is expiring and that he does not plan to continue on the Commission. The City Clerk will advertise the position but the Commissioners encouraged each other to solicit peers for the vacancy.

Comments from Commissioners

Jeremy asked the Commission for comments on the "Fish on Drugs" essay. He stated he would work with the newspaper for publishing.

A discussion was held regarding riparian setbacks and buffers and a presentation recently made by the Roaring Fork Conservancy. The Commission decided to further the conversation at next month's meeting.

Drew Gorgey thanked the Commission members for their service and relayed his interest in their activities.

Future Agenda Items

Patrick Murphy made the Commission aware of his intent to lead the 2016 River Clean Up Day. He stated that additional information is forthcoming.

The Commission decided to discuss 2016 priorities at the next meeting.

Discussion of Potential for Interim Boat Ramp Repairs at Two Rivers Park

Parks and Receptions Director Tom Barnes explained that he plans to correct the drop off at the Two Rivers Park boat ramp as soon as possible. He stated the work is intended to fix the problem adequately but only temporarily until 2017/2018 when shoreline improvements are planned for at the Park. Tom was not sure if funding for the fix would come from Commission or Parks and Recreation funds. The conversation included a discussion of other improvements proposed at Two Rivers Park including the installation of a discharge pipe from the Glenwood Hot Springs Pool. The Commission decided to review additional information regarding the design of discharge pipe at future meeting.