

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River

8/14/24 Meeting Attendance

-Corinne
-Lindsay
-Carla
-Mary
-Jeff
-Eric

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024
12pm at Blo Back Gallery
Agenda**

Call meeting to order- Corinne

Secretary's report- Lindsay
(no meeting in July)

Mary made a motion to accept the June meeting notes, Carla seconded – passed

Treasurer's report-Daniel

Trout on the Routt Finances-

Daniel was running late tabled until he was in attendance.

Current Balance Sheet-

\$23.566

Committee reports

Trout on the Routt- review and recommendations

Successful event but recommending to maybe take a year or two off from this fundraiser. You can really only have one fish to do something with maybe do something different. Tom Latka had a suggestion.

Monthly trail cleanup-

Report from August Moffat area -

Went well about 9 folks and lots of trash was collected-didn't take much to fill a couple trash bags.

Runyon Lake-August 10-Pueblo Conservancy District popup cleanup-

18-20 people showed up, it was nice because the paper and news picked it up since it was the same day as a different cleanup the mayor was having.

September monthly cleanup – Saturday, September 7 9-11am

Faye's Crossing -Thomas Phelps Creek down to Runyon. Park near ABC plumbing and Blo Back Gallery. Mary and Carla will be there.

Creek Week Cleanup – September 28 –

Extra opportunity for PFAR folks, Carla is going to ask Suzan where we can piggyback on.

Lottery Cleanup Saturday, October 5 –

Corinne's 75th birthday and she wants to celebrate with a cleanup 😊 Sign up for res to Runyon cleanup coming soon. Parks contact would be Angelos

T-shirts for volunteers

Looking into maybe vests with our logo on them so we can reuse them.

Old Business

Event with Alex Zipp and Fly Fishing- Mary

Sunday, October 13 · Runyon Lake · 2-4pm

No preregistration needed, Alex will take groups of 12 at a time. If it is more than 12 he will probably just do rotations through the groups, others will just hang out. PFAR will meet at 1:30, Mary, Corinne and Lindsay will be there possibly Eric.

Sign at Main & Corona – Corrine

Cost is around \$10,000. Funding will most likely be coming from the Johnston Foundation but Jeff Shaw isn't super responsive. But once money is in hand the sign will go into production.

Big Book display on trail-Carla

Carla gave a brief overview of what the project consists of. Objective is to draw more people to the river. Has 2 quotes for \$7000 and waiting on another quote from Eric. Friends of the Library will supply the books needed and Carla is going to the Kiwanis as a main sponsor. Carla will report back to the group on how that goes.

Future events/speakers/poems/Nature Center –

National Poetry Month is in April and looking to invite a poet to come led a walk and inspire poetry as well as read some of their own poetry.

Kayak demo will get rescheduled for 2025

Also going to talk to Raduex about maybe some guided bird walks around Runyon. This fall and spring would be great when they are migrating.

Outdoor Recreation discussion of ideas & position details – Lindsay

Lindsay reported that she is excited about the new position, and she hopes that PFAR will still be a resource that she can count on, especially when it comes to volunteers for projects. Hoping to do some events on the river and Runyon to start out as well as possibly Lake Minnequa but access is always an issue.

Membership – Mary

Gaining a lot of momentum from Facebook. Mary will send out a membership push.

Facebook & website - Lindsay

Going well, lots of interest on Facebook. Sending Justin updates when I think of them or get them.

New Business

Sculpture project called "IF" by Jim Richerson

Jim is still looking to PFAR to be the financial organization for his project (since we are a nonprofit organization he needs a nonprofit to accept the money on his behalf from certain foundations since he is a for profit). Most of the board members put the decision on Daniel, since he is the treasurer and will be doing all the work for the project. Daniel suggested that he wouldn't be interested as a volunteer but if Jim was willing to adjust his budget and pay him for the troubles, he might consider it. Daniel would take a closer look to see if it would fit in his schedule and Corinne was going to go to Jim with the suggested adjustments to the budget.

River Corridor Updates

Murals –

No report

Sculptures –

Eric reported that a few sculptures have been vandalized but nothing extreme and they seem to do it once then leave them alone. Hoping to get a few more sculptures installed, and few rotated out with new sculptures.

Signs–

No report

Master Plan –

Going out for RFPs soon.

Destination Pueblo –

Lindsay attended for July, will send out agenda's for July's meeting.

Pueblo Water Park –

Lots of people using it. ETA on opening TBD

Marketing by PCD –

Corinne reported that the PCD went to Niki Hart with Hart Media to do some marketing of the levee and river and “How to get there” marketing for around \$10,000 budget

Tourism Grant-

PCD is willing to pitch towards a Tourism Marketing Grant that the city is applying for if it is relevant to PCD territory-they won't if its Lake Minnequa.

*What else? –

Fundraiser at Walter Brewery – BINGO Lindsay will investigate that lead.

Patches for members and volunteer vests. Jeff has a site where he orders his patches from and will forward to the group.

Next meeting- Wednesday, September 11 · Noon · Blo Back Gallery

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