

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024
12pm at Blo Back Gallery
Agenda**

9/11/24 Meeting Attendance

-Corinne

-Lindsay

-Daniel

-Eric

-Carla

-Mary

Late **Absent**

-Jeff -Wayne

Call meeting to order- Corinne

Secretary's report- Lindsay

Mary made a motion to accept the August meeting notes, Eric seconded – passed

Treasurer's report-Daniel

Current Balance Sheet-

\$34,038. 17 – includes the \$10,000 for the Main & Corona sign.

Live link to the financials can be found here

[Income Expense Budget.xlsx](#)

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Committee reports

Trout on the Routt- Final Trout Sales-All

Down to two trout left, one trout is at a gallery in Cortez and the other is a Blo Back. Was able to "raffle" off the other at Pride.

Monthly trail cleanup-

Report from Sept. Fay's Creek area -

Had about 19 people show up for the cleanup. No picture was taken, everyone collected about 40 bags of trash total. Next time will probably start at Runyon and work upstream. Didn't make it all the way down to Runyon this time.

Creek Week Cleanup – September 28-October 5 –

Last day to register to be a site leader was Friday, September 20.

[Creek Week 2024 Registration - Fountain Creek Watershed District \(fountain-crk.org\)](#)

Lottery Cleanup Saturday, October 5 –

Corinne's Birthday so everyone should sign up and pick up trash for her birthday. The Lottery treats the volunteers well. Corinne will sign up to be a leader, Lindsay will push out on FB and tell everyone to say they are with the PFAR group when signing up.

[Register to volunteer with Colorado Lottery via VolunteerLocal](#)

Old Business

Event with Alex Zipp and Fly Fishing- Mary

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

Everything is good to go – Mary asked everyone helping to be there no later than 1:30pm. Other stations for groups to rotate while waiting for Alex. Maybe contact Radeux to offer a bird class and bring some binoculars. Carla will bring banner, Mary will have membership information.

Sign at Main & Corona – Corrine

\$ money is in account. Corinne requested pictures from John Wark, Lindsay is also looking to see what she has. Coming up with rules/guidelines, was suggested to maybe add possible fines.

Big Book display on trail-Carla

Carla reported that she is still looking for funding. Nothing back from Kawanis. Corinne suggested Rotary 43's app on their website. Also requested funds from Black Hills. Carla said that total project would be around \$10,000 or \$500 per board, then talk with Steven Meier about sticking them on the trail-the sidewalk from the trailhead at Main Street going down to the trail is the most ideal location.

Special Projects for use of Funds- All

- **Carla requested funding for the Story Walk - \$500 a piece is hoping to raise \$5000 of the \$10,000.**
- **Also requested was to sponsor a mural and a wave machine-wave machine costs millions of dollars-Mary will reach out to Cynthia if she has any guidelines or form for artist call outs.**
- **Mary requested benches or more seating areas, hopscotch and poop bags. Also maybe another cement chess or cornhole pieces along the levee. – Eric agreed to reach out to Bryan Rivera to get a quote for the job. Lindsay will reach out to Jeremiah to see what kind of bags the parks uses and a template for the hopscotch at Pillars Park and the Levee side.**

Everyone should come with more ideas and prices for next board meeting.

Outdoor Recreation-Lindsay grant & Potential event

Lindsay briefly talked about the Steel City Arkansas River Festival and the different elements of the festival. Build your own boat race, River Surfing Freestyle Competition, Paddle and Bike Parade, Trailgate Party with a Levee Food Truck Rally, Rubber Ducky Race and numerous free demos. Applied for a grant to help with marketing event, will find out Oct. 25 if they received the grant or not. Received letters of support from the Conservancy District and the Chamber.

Membership – Mary

They thought we got another membership at Pride, but Daniel never received any info/money. Last membership Daniel got was 7/2/24.

Facebook & website - Lindsay

Facebook numbers are still doing well and sharing our posts and relevant posts on our FB page. Website has not been updated in a really long time. Corinne will reach out to Justin to see what is up.

Sculpture project called "IF" by Jim Richerson

Jim found funding for the project with Rotary 43.

Future events/speakers/poems/Nature Center-all

Bring ideas to next month's meeting.

Trout Film fest - Carla

Carla reported that it would be \$250 to use the Impossible Playhouse and \$800 for the film with swag it would be \$10-15 per person \$150 for liquor license and Alex Zipp would share his contact list.

River Corridor Updates

Murals – **No Report**

Sculptures – **Getting the Stingrays close to finish to add to levee**

Signs– **No Report**

Master Plan – **Going through all the submitted PDFs**

Destination Pueblo – **No September meeting due to Chile Fest**

Pueblo Water Park – **Grand opening will be Saturday, October 19**

Marketing by PCD – **Is doing some smaller priced advertising with Nikki Hart during the Chile Fest.**

*What else? –

Tom Latka presented to the group about a different project besides ToR. It will provide more artist interaction. Have a contest between artists they submit original pieces, committee picks and then get reproductions made and sell those. Artist gets portion of revenue. Pick a particular theme.

Next meeting- Wednesday, October 9 · Noon · Blo Back Gallery

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