

## PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSENT AGENDA July 9, 2024

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

### A. Expenditures

• Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – June 19, 2024 – July 3, 2024

## B. <u>Minutes</u>

• Minutes from June 25, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

### C. The River Corridor Initiative (RCI)

• Approve the Letter of Support for the River Corridor Initiative



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## EXPENDITURES - APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT

Council Meeting Date - July 9, 2024

Date Range of Payables: June 19, 2024 – July 3, 2024

Payment Approval Report - Palisade by Department Report dates: 1/1/2010-12/31/2024

Report Criteria:

Invoices with totals above \$0 included.

Paid and unpaid invoices included.

Invoice Detail.Input date = 06/19/2024-07/03/2024

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voideo
AFLAC INSURANCE	PR0622240	AFLAC Pre-tax Pay Period: 6/22/	06/27/2024	205.83	.00		
AFLAC INSURANCE	PR0622240	AFLAC After-Tax Pay Period: 6/2	06/27/2024	21.00	.00		
COLORADO DEPT OF REVENU	PR0622240	State Withholding Tax Pay Period	06/27/2024	5,085.00	.00		
COLORADO STATE TREASURE	PR0622241	State Unemployment Tax Pay Per	06/27/2024	294.60	.00		
FICA/MED/ P/R TAXES	PR0622242	Federal Withholding Tax Pay Peri	06/27/2024	15,060.05	.00		
FICA/MED/ P/R TAXES	PR0622242	Social Security Pay Period: 6/22/	06/27/2024	5,434.77	.00		
FICA/MED/ P/R TAXES	PR0622242	Social Security Pay Period: 6/22/	06/27/2024	5,434.77	.00		
FICA/MED/ P/R TAXES	PR0622242	Medicare Pay Period: 6/22/2024	06/27/2024	2,142.31	.00		
FICA/MED/ P/R TAXES	PR0622242	Medicare Pay Period: 6/22/2024	06/27/2024	2,142.31	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	FPPA Fire DD Pay Period: 6/22/2	06/27/2024	665.65	.00		
IRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	FPPA 457 Pay Period: 6/22/2024	06/27/2024	300.00	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	Police Pension Pay Period: 6/22/	06/27/2024	3,099.28	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	Police Pension Pay Period: 6/22/	06/27/2024	2,582.74	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	Fire Pension Pay Period: 6/22/20	06/27/2024	1,987.68	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	Fire Pension Pay Period: 6/22/20	06/27/2024	1,849.02	.00		
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	PR0622240	FPPA Police DD Pay Period: 6/22	06/27/2024	929.78	.00		
CMA TRST 401 - 107074	PR0622240	ICMA 401K Pay Period: 6/22/202	06/27/2024	2,968.83	2,968.83	06/28/2024	
CMA TRST 401 - 107074	PR0622240	ICMA 401K Pay Period: 6/22/202	06/27/2024	2,968.83	2,968.83	06/28/2024	
CMA TRST 457 - 304721	PR0622240	ICMA 457 Pay Period: 6/22/2024	06/27/2024	750.00	750.00	06/28/2024	
SUNDAY MARKET REFUNDS	2024.06.28 - S	2024 SFM REFUND	06/28/2024	260.00	.00		
SUNDAY MARKET REFUNDS	2024.06.28 - S	BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND	06/28/2024	50.00	.00		
SUNDAY MARKET REFUNDS	BUS LIC # 925	<b>BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND -</b>	06/24/2024	50.00	50.00	06/28/2024	
CEL ENERGY	876525869 - C	CLINIC UTILITIES - BILLABLE T	05/07/2024	835.27	835.27	05/29/2024	
CEL ENERGY	881064538 - C	CLINIC UTILITIES - BILLABLE T	06/10/2024	1,073.17	.00		
EBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life LI	06/27/2024	8.75	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life M	06/27/2024	444.25	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life M	06/27/2024	615.75	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life M	06/27/2024	533.25	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life D	06/27/2024	15.75	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life D	06/27/2024	39.75	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life D	06/27/2024	48.50	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life VI	06/27/2024	7.00	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life VI	06/27/2024	6.00	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life VI	06/27/2024	13.00	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life LI	06/27/2024	102.04	.00		
CEBT Payments	PR0622241	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life LI	06/27/2024	12.98	.00		
CA STATE DISBURSEMENT UNI	PR0622241	DF238534 Child Support - CALIF	06/27/2024	173.53	173.53	06/28/2024	
Total ·				59 211 44	7 7/6 /6		

Total :

58,211.44 7,746.46

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ADMINISTRATION							
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0124AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	01/31/2024	187.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0124AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	01/31/2024	849.65	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0124AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	01/31/2024	187.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	02/29/2024	187.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	02/29/2024	187.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- FACILITIES - MA	02/29/2024	247.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- FACILITIES - MA	02/29/2024	247.50	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	1223AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	12/31/2023	195.00	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	1223AP3427	EMPLOYMENT- PLANNING DIR	12/31/2023	404.40	.00		
OFFICE DEPOT	369906357001	OFFICE SUPPLY - ADMIN	06/13/2024	16.89	16.89	06/28/2024	
OFFICE DEPOT	369906357001	OFFICE SUPPLY - ADMIN	06/13/2024	65.13	65.13	06/28/2024	
OFFICE DEPOT	369906357001	OFFICE SUPPLY - ADMIN	06/13/2024	46.99	46.99	06/28/2024	
OFFICE DEPOT	369906357001	OFFICE SUPPLY - ADMIN	06/13/2024	1.29-	1.29-	06/28/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	ADMIN - WC	03/11/2024	730.81	730.81	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	ADMIN - WC	04/11/2024	750.50	750.50	05/02/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	ADMINISTRATION LIGHTS	06/01/2024	325.16	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	FD - CNL	06/01/2024	51.88	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	ADMINISTRATION LIGHTS	05/01/2024	233.47	233.47	05/29/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	FD - CNL	05/01/2024	51.51	51.51	05/29/2024	
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173653	ADMIN - GENERAL ENGINEERI	06/19/2024	1,037.20	1,037.20	07/03/2024	
ALPINE BANK CC	RL 9934 JUN 2	ADMIN - CML DINNER	06/18/2024	78.72	.00		
ALPINE BANK CC	RL 9934 JUN 2	ADMIN - OPERATING - FOOD	06/18/2024	71.76	.00		
ALPINE BANK CC	RL 9934 JUN 2	ADMIN - FURNITURE	06/18/2024	279.99	.00		
SPECTRUM	126548301030	ADMIN - FIBER INTERNET	03/01/2024	506.35	506.35	07/03/2024	
SPECTRUM	126548301060	ADMIN - FIBER INTERNET	06/01/2024	506.35	506.35	07/03/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	ADMIN - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	203.00	203.00	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	TOWN MANAGER	06/20/2024	90.48	90.48	07/03/2024	
IRONEDGE GROUP LTD	IEG-43505	COMPUTER SERVICES	07/01/2024	8,658.90	8,658.90	07/03/2024	

Total ADMINISTRATION:

16,397.85 12,896.29

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT								
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	COMM DEV - WC	03/11/2024	399.24	399.24	04/03/2024		
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	COMM DEV - WC	04/11/2024	410.00	410.00	05/02/2024		
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173653	COMM DEV - GENERAL	06/19/2024	412.20	412.20	07/03/2024		
ALPINE BANK CC	DA 0569 JUN 2	COMM DEV - DUES	06/18/2024	194.29	.00			
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	COMM DEV - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	27.07	27.07	07/03/2024		
CEBT Payments	04012024 CEB	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life D	04/01/2024	31.00	31.00	06/05/2024		
CEBT Payments	04012024 CEB	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life LI	04/01/2024	7.00	7.00	06/05/2024		
CEBT Payments	04012024 CEB	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life LI	04/01/2024	7.00	7.00	06/05/2024		
CEBT Payments	04012024 CEB	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life M	04/01/2024	873.00	873.00	06/05/2024		
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	PLANNING GIS	06/20/2024	40.04	40.04	07/03/2024		
Total COMMUNITY DEVELOP	MENT:			2,400.84	2,206.55			

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RECREATION							
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	RECREATION - WC	03/11/2024	203.00	203.00	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	RECREATION - WC	04/11/2024	208.47	208.47	05/02/2024	
WAGNER RENTS	C7123501	RECREATION - BGF WATER BU	06/17/2024	1,740.76	1,740.76	07/03/2024	
ALPINE BANK CC	RL 9934 JUN 2	<b>RECREATION - BLUEGRASS - S</b>	06/18/2024	37.50	.00		
LIAT AROCHAS-FOX	2024.07.07 - S	SFM ENTERTAINER - 07/07/2024	07/03/2024	250.00	250.00	07/03/2024	
LESTER E ROGERS JR	2024.06.30 SF	SMF ENTERTAINER - 06/30/2024	06/27/2024	500.00	500.00	06/28/2024	
RESTORATION VINEYARDS LLC	000222	2024 BGF - WINE	06/12/2024	1,788.60	1,788.60	06/21/2024	
FOAMAZING PARTIES	29	RECREATION - FOURTH OF JUL	07/02/2024	600.00	600.00	07/03/2024	
Total RECREATION:				5,328.33	5,290.83		

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COURT								
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	COURT - WC	03/11/2024	63.61	63.61	04/03/2024		
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	COURT - WC	04/11/2024	65.32	65.32	05/02/2024		
LeMOINE & GRAVES, P.C.	7891	COURT - PROSECUTING ATTO	07/01/2024	315.00	.00			
Total COURT:				443.93	128.93			

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Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voided
POLICE							
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION	2024-0007725	911 CHARGES - PD - 2024	07/02/2024	11,079.10	11,079.10	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	PD - WC	03/11/2024	2,300.69	2,300.69	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	PD - WC	04/11/2024	2,362.69	2,362.69	05/02/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	POLICE - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	25.37	25.37	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	PD - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	369.62	369.62	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	PD - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	17.31	17.31	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	PD - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	280.08	280.08	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	POLICE CELL PHONES	06/20/2024	617.45	617.45	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	POLICE DATA	06/20/2024	600.60	600.60	07/03/2024	
Total POLICE:				17,652.91	17,652.91		

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CEMETERY								
GOODWIN SERVICE, INC.	T4810	TOILET CLEANING - CEMETER	07/01/2024	70.00	70.00	07/03/2024		
HEUTON TIRE COMPANY INC.	173563	PARKS TIRE MAINTENANCE	06/24/2024	15.00	15.00	06/28/2024		
HEUTON TIRE COMPANY INC.	173581	PARKS TIRE MAINTENANCE - G	06/25/2024	76.00	76.00	06/28/2024		
HEUTON TIRE COMPANY INC.	173606	PARKS TIRE MAINTENANCE - M	06/27/2024	140.00	140.00	07/03/2024		
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	CEMETERY - WC	03/11/2024	216.54	216.54	04/03/2024		
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	CEMETERY - WC	04/11/2024	222.37	222.37	05/02/2024		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	CEMETERY LIGHTS	06/01/2024	80.06	.00			
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	CEMETERY LIGHTS	05/01/2024	87.58	87.58	05/29/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	CEMETERY - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	103.70	103.70	07/03/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	CEMETERY - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	8.61	8.61	07/03/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	CEMETERY - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	58.73	58.73	07/03/2024		
SOLSBURY HILL, LLC DBA/	S5519418.001	CEMETERY - PIPE REPLACEME	06/21/2024	508.65	508.65	07/03/2024		
Total CEMETERY:				1,587.24	1,507.18			

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RE / EMS							
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	85391387	MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EMS	06/24/2024	1,131.19	1,131.19	07/03/2024	
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION	2024-0007725	911 CHARGES - FD - 2024	07/02/2024	3,139.07	3,139.07	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	FD - WC	03/11/2024	1,962.35	1,962.35	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	FD - WC	04/11/2024	2,015.23	2,015.23	05/02/2024	
WO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS	20-00516	FD- RADIO MAINTENANCE	06/18/2024	100.50	100.50	07/03/2024	
VITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.	CM31125	FD - PPE	06/11/2024	78.37-	.00		
VITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.	CM31126	FD - PPE	06/11/2024	29.16-	.00		
VITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.	CM31127	FD - PPE	06/11/2024	7.35-	.00		
CEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	FIRE/EMS LIGHTS	06/01/2024	711.26	.00		
CEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	FIRE/EMS LIGHTS	05/01/2024	686.30	686.30	05/29/2024	
PECTRUM ENTERPRISE	000082006212	INTERNET FIRE DEPT.	06/21/2024	169.98	169.98	07/03/2024	
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINT	06/18/2024	210.10	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINT	06/18/2024	198.48	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINT	06/18/2024	240.63	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - PPE	06/18/2024	7.35-	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - PPE	06/18/2024	78.37-	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - PPE	06/18/2024	46.12-	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - PPE	06/18/2024	29.16-	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	CB 5827 JUN 2	FD - PPE	06/18/2024	42.99	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	JD 9512 JUN 2	FD - TRAINING - CREDIT	06/18/2024	543.00-	.00		
LPINE BANK CC	JD 9512 JUN 2	FD - VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINT	06/18/2024	44.97	.00		
EN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	FIRE - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	182.70	182.70	07/03/2024	
LSCO INC	2897795	FIRE/EMS - SHIRTS	05/13/2024	361.25	361.25	07/03/2024	
IARTMAN BROTHERS, INC	422599	FD - OXYGEN	06/25/2024	38.00	38.00	07/03/2024	
HINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	FD/EMS - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	475.22	475.22	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	FD/EMS - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	2.23	2.23	07/03/2024	
HINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	FD/EMS - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	36.14	36.14	07/03/2024	
EBT Payments	04012024 CEB	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life E	04/01/2024	9.00	9.00	06/05/2024	
EBT Payments	04302024 ADJ	PR - Medical Dental Vision Life E	04/30/2024	18.00-	18.00-	06/05/2024	
T&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	FIRE CELL PHONES	06/20/2024	304.58	304.58	07/03/2024	
T&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	FIRE HOTSPOTS	06/20/2024	160.16	160.16	07/03/2024	

Total FIRE / EMS:

11,385.45 10,755.90

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EMS								
WAGNER RENTS	P02C0601685	SHARED COST - REP & MAINT -	06/27/2024	408.74	408.74	07/03/2024		
COOP COUNTRY	261928	PW CAR WASH	06/19/2024	14.50	14.50	07/03/2024		
COOP COUNTRY	261930	PW CAR WASH	06/19/2024	6.25	6.25	07/03/2024		
COOP COUNTRY	261931	PW CAR WASH	06/19/2024	14.50	14.50	07/03/2024		
COOP COUNTRY	261932	PW CAR WASH	06/19/2024	10.75	10.75	07/03/2024		
COOP COUNTRY	262090	PW CAR WASH	06/26/2024	9.25	9.25	07/03/2024		
KIMBALL MIDWEST	102349135	SHARED COST	06/24/2024	260.36	260.36	07/03/2024		
TYLER BATTERY	070176	SHARED COSTS	07/01/2024	85.33	85.33	07/03/2024		
STEWART & STEVENSON LLC	40278844	SHARED EXPENSE - REPAIRS	06/13/2024	139.36	139.36	07/03/2024		
STEWART & STEVENSON LLC	40278845	SHARED EXPENSE - REPAIRS	06/13/2024	29.56	29.56	07/03/2024		
Total EMS:				978.60	978.60			

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STREETS							
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	STREETS - WC	03/11/2024	297.74	297.74	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	STREETS - WC	04/11/2024	305.76	305.76	05/02/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	STREET LIGHTS	06/01/2024	119.74	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	307 MAIN -CHARGING STATION	06/01/2024	82.62	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	STREET LIGHTS	06/01/2024	3,348.28	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	STREET LIGHTS	05/01/2024	128.64	128.64	05/29/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	307 MAIN -CHARGING STATION	05/01/2024	88.12	88.12	05/29/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	STREET LIGHTS	05/01/2024	3,222.52	3,222.52	05/29/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	STREETS - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	259.26	259.26	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	STREETS - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	21.52	21.52	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	STREETS - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	146.82	146.82	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	STREETS	06/20/2024	40.04	40.04	07/03/2024	
Total STREETS:				8,061.06	4,510.42		

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WATER							
BOOKCLIFF AUTO PARTS INC	739869	WATER - VEHICLE MAINTENAN	06/21/2024	10.34	10.34	07/03/2024	
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION	2024-0007342	WATER - LAB FEES	05/31/2024	283.28	283.28	07/03/2024	
COLORADO WATER RESOURC	D06F173 - 05.0	DWRF - D06F173 - WATER BON	04/01/2024	33,333.33	33,333.33	04/30/2024	
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT - PW DIRECTOR	02/29/2024	.00	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT - PW - OPERATI	02/29/2024	.00	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT - PW - OPERATI	02/29/2024	495.00	.00		
GRAND JUNCTION MEDIA, INC.	0224AP3427	EMPLOYMENT - PW - DIRECTO	02/29/2024	495.00	.00		
HACH COMPANY	14068580	WATER TREATMENT PLANT SM	06/12/2024	3,169.00	3,169.00	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	WATER - WC	03/11/2024	974.41	974.41	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	WATER - WC	04/11/2024	1,000.67	1,000.67	05/02/2024	
U S POSTOFFICE	JUNE 2024 BIL	WATER	07/01/2024	224.32	224.32	07/01/2024	
UTILITY NOTIFICATION	224061102	UTILITY LOCATES - WATER	06/30/2024	79.34	79.34	07/03/2024	
WESTERN COLORADO AG-SER	8203	WEED CONTROL- STREETS	06/27/2024	1,486.88	1,486.88	07/03/2024	
WESTERN COLORADO AG-SER	8204	WEED CONTROL WATER PLAN	06/27/2024	1,426.86	1,426.86	07/03/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	WATER LIGHTS	06/01/2024	231.42	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	WATER LIGHTS	05/01/2024	273.84	273.84	05/29/2024	
DPE, LLC	8702	SITE LEASE-PAL PT.	06/30/2024	75.00	75.00	07/03/2024	
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173653	CABIN RESERVOIR	06/19/2024	976.40	976.40	07/03/2024	
COLORADO CSG II LLC	10272496	SUBSCRIBER - WATER	07/01/2024	906.57	906.57	07/03/2024	
US BANK TRUST NA	2561722	CO WATER REV BONDS 2012 - I	04/15/2024	9,318.75	9,318.75	05/31/2024	
OPTIMUS COMMUNICATIONS, L	45493	INTERNET SERVICE	06/19/2024	87.00	87.00	07/03/2024	
SPECTRUM	126548301030	WATER TREATMENT - FIBER IN	03/01/2024	116.85	116.85	07/03/2024	
SPECTRUM	126548301060	WATER TREATMENT - FIBER IN	06/01/2024	116.85	116.85	07/03/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	WATER - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	111.65	111.65	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	WATER - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	362.96	362.96	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	WATER - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	30.13	30.13	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	WATER - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	205.54	205.54	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	WATER	06/20/2024	228.19	228.19	07/03/2024	
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173761	CAPITAL PROJECTS - WATER F	06/19/2024	1,503.22	1,503.22	07/03/2024	

Total WATER:

57,522.80 56,301.38

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SEWER PLANT								
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	SEWER TREATMENT - WC	03/11/2024	351.87	351.87	04/03/2024		
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	SEWER TREATMENT - WC	04/11/2024	361.35	361.35	05/02/2024		
U S POSTOFFICE	JUNE 2024 BIL	TRASH	07/01/2024	56.07	56.07	07/01/2024		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	SEWER LIGHTS	06/01/2024	301.79-	.00			
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	661 BRENTWOOD DR	06/01/2024	13.67	.00			
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	SEWER LIGHTS	05/01/2024	10.93-	10.93-	05/29/2024		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	661 BRENTWOOD DR	05/01/2024	13.42	13.42	05/29/2024		
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173653	SEWER CONSOLIDATION PROJ	06/19/2024	1,167.90	1,167.90	07/03/2024		
CORE & MAIN	V135498	SEWER TREATMENT - OPERATI	06/21/2024	9.24	9.24	07/03/2024		
COLORADO CSG II LLC	10272496	SUBSCRIBER - SEWER	07/01/2024	906.58	906.58	07/03/2024		
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	SEWER TREATMENT - TELEPH	07/01/2024	45.67	45.67	07/03/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	SEWER - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	103.72	103.72	07/03/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	SEWER - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	8.60	8.60	07/03/2024		
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	SEWER - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	58.74	58.74	07/03/2024		
SOUTHERN WATER SERVICE, L	69211	SEWER TREATMENT - NEW PU	06/14/2024	6,219.70	6,219.70	07/03/2024		
PLUMBING SYSTEMS INC	173221	SEWER TREATMENT - PUMPing	06/26/2024	3,320.00	3,320.00	07/03/2024		

Total SEWER PLANT:

12,323.81 12,611.93

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SEWER COLLECTION							
ALL-PHASE	2688-1058574	SEWER COLLECTION - OPERAT	06/21/2024	205.57	205.57	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	SEWER COLLECTION - WC	03/11/2024	230.07	230.07	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	SEWER COLLECTION - WC	04/11/2024	236.27	236.27	05/02/2024	
U S POSTOFFICE	JUNE 2024 BIL	SEWER	07/01/2024	56.08	56.08	07/01/2024	
UTILITY NOTIFICATION	224061102	UTLIITY LOCATES - SEWER	06/30/2024	79.33	79.33	07/03/2024	
SPECTRUM	126548301030	SEWER COLLECTION - FIBER I	03/01/2024	116.85	116.85	07/03/2024	
SPECTRUM	126548301060	SEWER COLLECTION - FIBER I	06/01/2024	116.85	116.85	07/03/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	SEWER COLLECTION - TELEPH	07/01/2024	33.83	33.83	07/03/2024	
J-U-B ENGINEERS	0173759	CAPITAL PROJECT - SEWER - G	06/11/2024	2,313.20	2,313.20	07/03/2024	
Total SEWER COLLECTION:				3,388.05	3,388.05		

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PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	SOLID WASTE - WC	03/11/2024	40.60	40.60	04/03/2024			
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209 JUNE 2024 BIL	SOLID WASTE - WC SOLID WASTE	04/11/2024 07/01/2024	41.69 112.16	41.69 112.16	05/02/2024 07/01/2024			
WASTE MANAGEMENT INC -	1794181-0576-	DUMPSTER SERVICE	06/27/2024	1,412.13	1,412.13	07/03/2024			
SPECTRUM	126548301030	GARBAGE - FIBER INTERNET	03/01/2024	38.95	38.95	07/03/2024			
SPECTRUM	126548301060	GARBAGE - FIBER INTERNET	06/01/2024	38.95	38.95	07/03/2024			
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	GARBAGE - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	8.47	8.47	07/03/2024			
Total :				1,692.95	1,692.95				

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ARKS							
GOODWIN SERVICE, INC.	T4810	TOILET CLEANING - RIVERBEN	07/01/2024	140.00	140.00	07/03/2024	
GOODWIN SERVICE, INC.	T4810	TOILET CLEANING-BIKE TREK	07/01/2024	70.00	70.00	07/03/2024	
GOODWIN SERVICE, INC.	T4810	VAULT CLEANING/ TOILET CLE	07/01/2024	300.00	300.00	07/03/2024	
MPACT PROMOTIONAL PRODU	73988	UNIFORMS - 2024 PARKS, STRE	05/17/2024	2,825.60	2,825.60	07/03/2024	
GUSTAVO ORTIZ	TP-JUNE 2024	PARKS - PUBLIC RESTROOM C	06/20/2024	1,340.00	1,340.00	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	PARKS - WC	03/11/2024	757.87	757.87	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	PARKS - WC	04/11/2024	778.30	778.30	05/02/2024	
WESTERN COLORADO AG-SER	8205	WEED CONTROL - PARKS - VET	06/27/2024	1,118.58	1,118.58	07/03/2024	
KCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	PARKS LIGHTS	06/01/2024	202.18	.00		
KCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	PARKS LIGHTS - PARTIAL FOR	06/01/2024	59.69	.00		
KCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	PARKS LIGHTS	05/01/2024	94.69-	94.69-	05/29/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	PARKS - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	82.89	82.89	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-110044-24	PARKS - GAS/DIESEL	06/13/2024	207.41	207.41	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-112684-24	PARKS - GAS/DIESEL	06/14/2024	17.22	17.22	07/03/2024	
RHINEHART OIL CO., LLC	IN-123929-24	PARKS - GAS/DIESEL	06/21/2024	117.45	117.45	07/03/2024	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	287313337970	PARKS	06/20/2024	180.21	180.21	07/03/2024	
Total PARKS:				8.102.71	7.840.84		

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Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Voided
POOL							
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	POOL LIGHTS	06/01/2024	1,795.33	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	POOL LIGHTS	05/01/2024	28.03	28.03	05/29/2024	
CEM SALES & SERVICE	163641	POOL SUPPLIES - TESTING	06/28/2024	183.70	.00		
CEM SALES & SERVICE	163663	POOL SUPPLIES - TESTING	07/01/2024	164.00	.00		
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	POOL - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	35.52	35.52	07/03/2024	
PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL A	136712	POOL - CHEMICALS	06/22/2024	4,157.00	4,157.00	07/03/2024	
SEALY PLUMBING & HEATING	046	POOL - REP & MAINT BUILDING	06/19/2024	1,111.58	1,111.58	07/03/2024	
Total POOL:				7,475.16	5,332.13		

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ACILITIES							
GUSTAVO ORTIZ	TP-JUNE 2024	JANITORIAL SERVICES	06/20/2024	1,950.00	1,950.00	07/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21616917	FACILITIES - WC	03/11/2024	284.20	284.20	04/03/2024	
PINNACOL ASSURANCE COMP	21654209	FACILITIES - WC	04/11/2024	291.86	291.86	05/02/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	FACILITIES LIGHTS	06/01/2024	291.17	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	JUNE 2024 BIL	711 IOWA - GYM	06/01/2024	1,060.07	.00		
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	FACILITIES LIGHTS	05/01/2024	323.16	323.16	05/29/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	711 IOWA - GYM	05/01/2024	903.97	903.97	05/29/2024	
XCEL ENERGY	MAY 2024 BILL	120 W 8TH - COMMUNITY CENT	05/01/2024	121.64	121.64	05/29/2024	
AIRSTREAM PLUMBING & HEAT	I4369271	FACILITIES - MAIN ST RESTRO	06/18/2024	247.00	247.00	06/28/2024	
AIRSTREAM PLUMBING & HEAT	14369408	FACILITIES - RESTROOM TOILE	06/26/2024	759.00	759.00	07/03/2024	
ZEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC	IN18528	FACILITIES - TELEPHONE	07/01/2024	33.83	33.83	07/03/2024	
BT MECHANICAL LLC	4138	FACILITIES - HVAC MAINTENAN	06/28/2024	1,081.16	1,081.16	07/03/2024	
ALSCO INC	2911364	BUILDING - REP & MAINT - FLO	06/21/2024	53.75	53.75	07/03/2024	
ALSCO INC	2911365	BUILDING - REP & MAINT - FLO	06/21/2024	73.90	73.90	07/03/2024	
ALSCO INC	2913898	BUILDING - REP & MAINT - FLO	06/28/2024	53.75	53.75	07/03/2024	
ALSCO INC	2913899	BUILDING - REP & MAINT - FLO	06/28/2024	73.90	73.90	07/03/2024	
IMPERIAL BAG & PAPER CO LL	4892712	FACILITIES - SUPPLIES	06/26/2024	2,666.00	2,666.00	07/03/2024	
HAINING HOME SERVICES	74654	FACILITIES - BLDG REP & MAIN	06/13/2024	243.75	243.75	06/28/2024	

Total FACILITIES:

10,512.11 9,160.87

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UNITED RENTALS WASTE MANAGEMENT INC - J-U-B ENGINEERS	234440326-00 1793416-0576- 0173653	CAPITAL PROJECT - RIVERBEN CAPITAL PROJECT - RIVERBEN CAPITAL PROJECTS - OLD HS -	06/11/2024 06/17/2024 06/19/2024	3,262.37 1,300.26 183.20	3,262.37 1,300.26 183.20	07/03/2024 07/03/2024 07/03/2024	
Total : Grand Totals:				4,745.83	4,745.83		
Finance Director: (Finance Department Review and A	pproval for Paymen	t)	Date: 07.0	03.2024			
Town Manager: (Administrative Reveiw and Approv	al for Payment)		Date:				
Mayor: (Board of Trustees Reveiw and App	roval for Payment)		Date:				
Town Clerk: (Document Recorded)			Date:				
Report Criteria: Invoices with totals above \$0 ir Paid and unpaid invoices inclu Invoice Detail.Input date = 06/ <sup>2</sup>	ded.						



### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Nicole Maxwell, Sarah Matchett, Rick Fox, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville. Absent was Trustee Jeff Snook. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Interim Public Works Director Matt Beehler, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, Fire Chief Chuck Balke, Parks, Events, and Facilities Director Troy Ward, and Police Chief Jesse Stanford.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the agenda as amended to remove Resolution 2024-15 – Special Event Security under New Business.

A voice vote was requested. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### Police Department Swearing-In

Palisade Chief of Police Jesse Stanford introduced Sarah Belcher, who was then sworn in as a Police Officer by the Town Clerk.

### River Corridor Initiative (RCI)

Members of RCI gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees outlining and explaining a proposed multi-jurisdictional Resolution supporting their efforts.

# The consensus of the Board is to include the proposed letter of support in the next meeting packet for approval.

### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

### Wildland Fire Presentation

Fire Chief Balke gave a brief presentation on the new wildland fire program instituted by the Palisade Fire Department.

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed current and ongoing projects led by the Town of Palisade.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

- <u>Expenditures</u> Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – May 25, 2024 – June 18, 2024
- <u>Minutes</u> Minutes from May 28, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

*Motion #2* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Maxwell, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Fox No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING I**

**ORDINANCE 2024-02 Amending the Palisade Land Development Code** Mayor Mikolai opened the Public Hearing at 6:27 pm.

Community Development Director Devan Aziz reviewed the staff report and the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation for approval.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment. None were offered.

Mayor Mikoloai opened the hearing to Board comment.

Trustee Matchett clarified that the change would not affect existing uses, and Mayor Mikolai confirmed that the existing moratorium on subdivisions will expire at the end of June.

*Motion #3* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to approve Ordinance 2024-02, An Ordinance Of The Town Of Palisade, Colorado, Amending The Land Development Code Regarding Established Zoning Districts And Land Uses And Amending The Zoning Map Of The Town, as presented.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Fox, Mayor Mikolai No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 6:34 pm.

### NEW BUSINESS

### Contract for Boat Ramp Engineering

Parks, Events, and Facilities Director Troy Ward reviewed the proposed contract and staff report.

*Motion #4* by Trustee Matchett, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the contract with JUB Engineers for the Riverbend boat launch for an amount not to exceed \$37,700.00 and to ensure that the boat launch's name remains "Harky's Launch."

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Fox, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

### **Request to Waive 500' Distance Requirement**

Town Clerk Keli Frasier reviewed the requested waiver and staff report.

Cassidee Shull, Director of CAVE (Colorado Viticulture and Enology), spoke in favor of granting the request.

*Motion #5* by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, to approve TerraVin Cellars' request for a waiver of the 500' distance between schools and alcohol establishments requirement.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Fox, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

### Dump Truck Purchase

Interim Public Works Director Matt Beehler reviewed the reasons for the purchase request and that if staff could purchase a new dump truck now, the existing vehicle may have some resale value, whereas if they wait until the truck is no longer operational, the value will decrease dramatically.

*Motion #6* by Trustee Matchett, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the purchase of a dump truck for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Fox, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2024-14 – Police Department Fee Schedule Update**

Police Chief Jesse Stanford reviewed the proposed fee schedule update and answered clarification questions from the Board.

*Motion #7* by Trustee Matchett, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to approve Resolution 2024-14 updating the Palisade Police Department fees.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Trustee Fox, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville No: Absent: Trustee Snook

Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mollie Woodard, President of the Palisade International Honeybee Festival, commented on how great it was to work with Troy Ward and staff for the 2024 Honeybee Festival.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville reviewed the Palisade Chamber of Commerce's future events, Trustee Matchett updated the Board on the most recent CML (Colorado Municipal League) Conference, and Mayor Mikolai reported on GVRTC (Grand Valley Rural Transit Commission).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #8* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Maxwell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

A voice vote was requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai Mayor

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Keli Frasier Town Clerk



## PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Staff Report

Meeting Date:	July 9, 2024
Department:	Parks
Department Direct	or: Troy Ward, Parks, Events, Facilities Director

### **SUBJECT:**

The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) River Corridor Master Planning Letter of Support

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) is a community-driven initiative focused on supporting and maintaining a healthy river corridor and the associated needs, uses, and values for generations to come. The RCI was formed in 2020 to address the acute need for enhanced coordination, planning, and collaboration on river corridor-related activities. A Core Team leads it with representatives from RiversEdge West, Colorado Mesa University, One Riverfront, and American Rivers. OV Consulting was contracted to provide necessary river system support and move the process forward by coordinating with local municipalities and stakeholders.

The RCI Core Team hosted three multi-jurisdictional planning workshops in Grand Junction on November 7, 2023, February 6, 2024, and May 8, 2024, to convene planners and professionals from Mesa County, Fruita, Grand Junction, and Palisade to discuss the future of the Grand Valley River Corridor, craft a shared vision for the River Corridor, and discuss planning strategies to support the development of an inter-jurisdictional River Corridor planning framework.

The Grand Valley River Corridor Vision

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- Resolutions
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TO: Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative

FROM: Town of Palisade

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MESA COUNTY Grand Junction OF FRUITA OF Town of Palisade, Colorado



April 2024 DRAFT Submitted by OV Consulting



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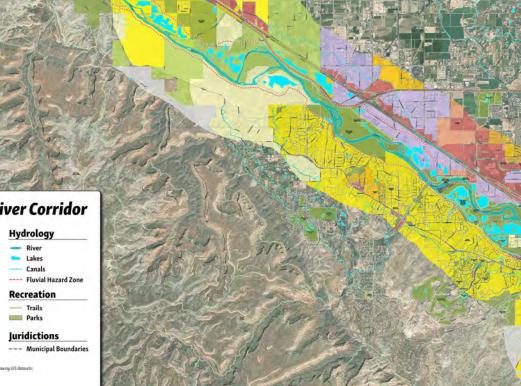
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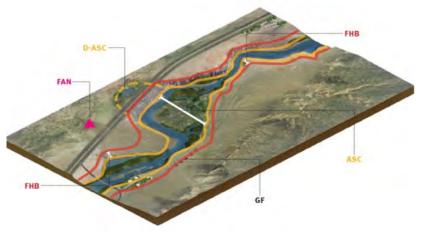


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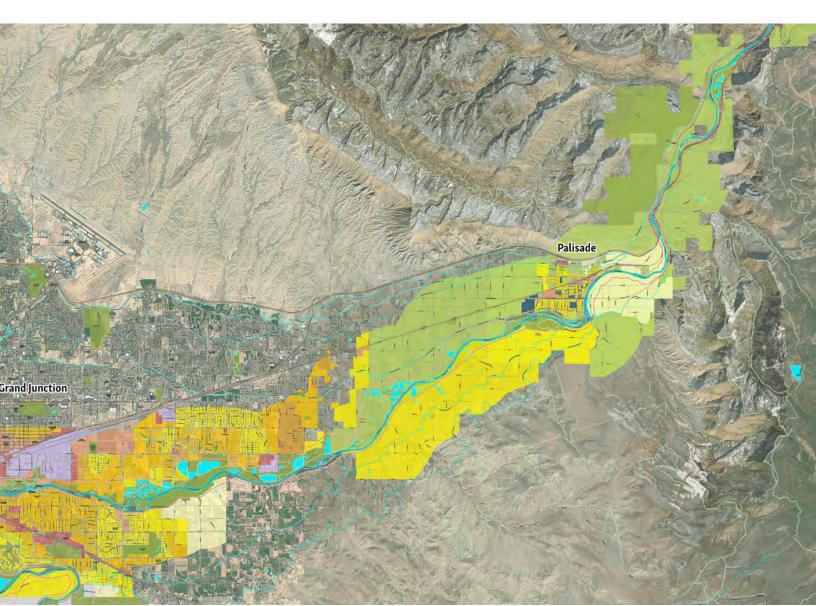
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# **RIVER CORRIDOR THREATS AND CHALLENGES**

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# Visioning

The key challenges and jurisdictional values identified in Workshop #1 served as the foundation for the Visioning exercise held in Workshop #2. Workshop attendees formed three groups to confirm shared values and craft language in support of a river corridor vision. Input ranged from full vision statements to the identification of supporting vision elements. Draft language and key input on the Vision included the following:

- Commit to supporting a vibrant and healthy river corridor that benefits a diverse community of stakeholders for future generations.
- 2. Activate areas with parks, open spaces, and trails.
- 3. Keep commercial uses out of the flood zone.

- 4. Cluster land uses and create sub-areas for diverse uses, from urbanized to passive natural areas.
- 5. Consider buffer zones within the sub-areas and avoid development with the Fluvial Hazard Zone.
- 6. Plan for "100 Years" or "The Next Century" or "Forever" along our river.



# **The Grand Valley River Corridor Vision**

The communities of the Grand Valley are committed to a science-driven approach to steward a resilient, vibrant, and healthy river corridor that supports the values of agriculture, habitat and wildlife, recreation, economic growth, and sustainable development benefiting todays and future generations.

The Grand Valley River Vision was reviewed and finalized by the RCI Advisory Council.

# Supporting Vision Elements to Guide Future Planning: (DRAFT)

# 1. "Ecology & Wildlife Resilience" / "A Dynamic River"

- Prioritize the restoration and preservation of riparian habitats, aquatic ecosystems, and wildlife corridors.
- Give the river room to move.
- Implement proactive measures to mitigate invasive species, re-mediate landslides, and enhance water quality.
- Build resilience to natural hazards, climate change impacts, and socio-economic challenges through adaptive planning and management strategies.
- Prioritize measures to enhance floodplain management, wildfire resilience, and public safety within the river corridor.

# 2. "A Recreational Asset" / "A Recreational River"

- Celebrate recreational opportunities along the river corridor while safeguarding its natural beauty and ecological integrity.
- Provide inclusive and equitable public access to activities, such as hiking, biking, paddling, and wildlife observation.
- Promotes the corridor as both a community and tourist destination

#### 3. "A Connected Corridor"

- Promote seamless connectivity with an extensive network of trails, parks, and green spaces along the river corridor.
- Ensure equitable access to the riverfront for all community members, including measures to address barriers and enhance safety.

## 4. "Grand Valley Vitality"

- Encourage responsible economic development that harmonizes with agricultural needs and environmental systems.
- Support innovative projects that enhance the riverfront's economic vitality, create job opportunities, and attract visitors.

#### 5. "Balanced Land Use"

- Integrate land use planning efforts to balance development interests with ecological preservation goals.
- Consider regulations and policies that promote resilient and adaptive development patterns.

# 6. "Corridor Communities" / "Community First"

- Cultivate a sense of stewardship, community ownership, and acknowledgment of the river through robust public engagement and educational outreach programs.
- Empower residents, stakeholders, and future generations to participate in decision-making processes and advocate for the river's well-being.

## 7. "Collaborative Governance" / "A United River Corridor"

- Foster collaborative partnerships among government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private stakeholders to manage the river corridor.
- Establish a coordinated governance framework to facilitate joint planning, resource-sharing, and collective action.

# **Planning Tools and Strategies**

Cities and Counties across the United States are working to reclaim their rivers and improve the health of often industrialized river corridors. Numerous tools are available and it is the job of each jurisdiction to determine the right path forward for their river corridor. Following the development of the Grand Valley River Vision, jurisdictions explored a range of planning tools and strategies that could be used to achieve the Vision.

The diagram shown below organizes a range of tools into three tiers, ranging in scale and regulatory strength. Tools can be adopted by jurisdictions individually, or tools could be adopted on a multi-jurisdictional level and applied along the entirety of the Grand Valley River Corridor. Often this sort of broader application occurs through the delineation of space along the river referred to as an "influence zone" or "special planning area", or "river district".

## Tier 1: Broad Tools

- 1. Multi-jurisdictional Plans
- 2. Mapping / Inventory
- 3. Planning Guidance
- 4. Resolutions
- 5. IGAs

## **Tier 2: Intermediate Tools**

- 1. Regulations / Ordinances
- 2. Conservancy / Management Districts
- 3. Design Guidelines
- 4. Special Purpose Plans

## **Tier 3: Site-Specific Tools**

- 1. Sub-Area Plans
- 2. Zoning Amendments
- 3. Site-Specific Improvements

# **City Spotlights**



# Boise, Idaho

Boise, ID built upon a series of planning efforts to address 10 miles of the Boise River.

- 1. Original Boise River Plan (1985)
- 2. Boise River System Ordinance (1997)
- 3. Boise River Resource Management and Master Plan (1999)
- 4. Master Plan Update (2014)

**Key Outcomes: The** Greenbelt Setback – All activities & development within the setback require River System application.

River recommendations address safety, lighting, security, recreation, signage and wayfinding, ecology, and riparian habitat.

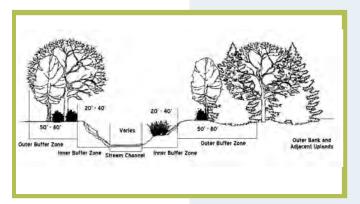


# Los Angeles River, California

LA River Master Plan is a multi-jurisdictional river corridor plan covering 51 miles of river through multiple jurisdictions. Goals associated with the Master Plan include:

- 1. Reduce flood risk and improve resiliency.
- 2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.
- 3. Support healthy connected ecosystems.
- 4. Enhance opportunities for equitable access to the river corridor.
- 5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.
- 6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.
- 7. Foster opportunities for continued community engagement, development, and education.
- 8. Improve local water supply reliability.
- 9. Promote healthy, safe, and clean water.

**Key Outcomes:** River Improvement Overlay District (RIO). A Special Use district and implemented ordinance that requires projects within the district to address watershed, urban design and mobility guidelines. Extends ½ mile to either side of the river for 32 miles in length.



Streamside Overlay Zone

# **City of Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Through a series of regulatory tools and design guidelines, the City of Colorado Springs has planned for the future of their river.

Beginning in 2002, the City adopted the Streamside Ordinance establishing oversight of the area along the river. Subsequently, the Streamside Overlay Zone identified 3 stream types and varying buffer widths for protection of each type. The Streamside Design Guidelines evaluate development within the Streamside Overlay Zone against 11 review criteria including site design, trails and recreation, floodplain, natural features, stream bank stabilization and riparian buffers, among others.

The Ordinance and Overlay Zone were updated in 2007.

# **Agreement for Future Planning**

Following discussion of the range of planning tools and strategies in place in other cities, the jurisdictions debated the appropriate next steps for the Grand Valley. While land use decisions are unique to each jurisdiction, the importance of a consistent approach and overarching guidance to recreation, mobility, land use development and preservation of the river corridor was vital to its future. It was decided that a multi-jurisdictional River Corridor Master Plan would provide the guidance desired and still allow zoning and development decisions at the local level.

A multi-jurisdictional Joint Resolution would serve as the agreement among Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita, and Mesa County to plan collaboratively along the River Corridor, enter into a Master Planning process, and follow the policy direction provided through that document in the future. Decisions around the delineation of space along the river, and the formation of future river districts, special zones, or governance strategies would be discussed in coordination with the Master Planning process.

This Planning Framework documents the identification of core values, visioning process, and agreement by Grand Valley jurisdictions to consider the future of their river corridor and take the agreed upon planning steps to enhance and preserve that future.

# Acknowledgment

The efforts of the jurisdiction to work through the Visioning process and to identify the future steps to preserve the Grand Valley River Corridor is a critical step. Acknowledgment is credited to the jurisdictions, River's Edge West, and the supporting consultants for a successful process and agreed upon Master Planning outcome.

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# Attachments

Attachment A: Multi-Jurisdictional Joint Resolution DRAFT Aprril 2024 Attachment B: RCI Workshop #1 Summary

Attachment C: RCI Workshop #2 Summary

Attachment D: River Corridor Future Land Use & Hydrology - Full Map

# The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative

Multi-Jurisdictional Joint Resolution

Subject: The Grand River Valley Corridor Initiative	
Resolution Number: #XX	Effective Date: MM/DD/2024

#### Background

The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (RCI) is a community-driven initiative focused on supporting and maintaining a healthy river corridor and the associated needs, uses, and values for generations to come. The RCI was formed in 2020 to address the acute need for enhanced coordination, planning, and collaboration on river corridor-related activities. A Core Team leads it with representatives from RiversEdge West, Colorado Mesa University, and American Rivers. OV Consulting was contracted to provide necessary river system support and move the process forward by coordinating with local municipalities and stakeholders.

The RCI Core Team hosted three multi-jurisdictional planning workshops in Grand Junction on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to convene planners and professionals from Mesa County, Fruita, Grand Junction, and Palisade to discuss the future of the Grand Valley River Corridor, craft a shared vision for the River Corridor, and discuss planning strategies to support the development of an inter-jurisdictional River Corridor planning framework. Representatives from all four jurisdictions agreed that this joint resolution should serve as an agreement to plan collaboratively along the Grand Valley River Corridor and to move forward with a multi-jurisdictional River Master Plan.

WHEREAS, the Grand River Valley Corridor holds significant ecological, recreational, and economic value for the communities of Mesa County, Grand Junction, Palisade, and Fruita; and

WHEREAS, the state of the river has been changing in recent years with more recreation and development along the river.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the coordinated planning and management of the Grand River Valley Corridor is essential to preserving its natural beauty, enhancing recreational opportunities, and fostering sustainable development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mesa County, and the municipalities of Grand Junction, Palisade, and Fruita, that:

RESOLVED, Mesa County, Grand Junction, Palisade, and Fruita agree to collaborate in the creation of a comprehensive River Corridor Master Plan.

RESOLVED, That the following vision statement shall be adopted by all parties to reflect the shared values of communities throughout the Grand Valley: *"The communities of the Grand Valley are committed to a science-driven approach to steward a resilient, vibrant, and healthy river corridor that supports the values of agriculture, habitat and wildlife, recreation, economic growth, and sustainable development benefiting today's and future generations."*; and

RESOLVED, it is deemed necessary for the RCI to facilitate and identify necessary funding and cost-share models in order to hire a contractor to facilitate the creation of a River Corridor Master Plan;

#### Party Agreement

We, the undersigned representatives of Mesa County, Grand Junction, Palisade, and Fruita, hereby agree to the terms outlined in this Joint Resolution and pledge our full cooperation and support towards the successful development and implementation of the Grand River Valley Corridor Master Plan.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Commissioner, Mesa County

Mayor/Council Representative, Grand Junction

Mayor/Council Representative, Palisade

Mayor/Council Representative, Fruita



MEETING: Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative: Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Workshop #1 Mesa County Central Library, Grand Junction

DATE: November 7, 2023

# Attendees

#### Jurisdictions:

Mark Mancuso – Fruita Parks & Recreation Kimberly Bullen – Fruita Public Works Sam Atkins – Fruita Engineering

Dave Gray – Palisade Public Works Troy Ward – Palisade Parks & Facilities

Erik Borschel – Mesa County Public Works Faye Hall – Mesa County Planning Department Sean Norris – Mesa County Planning

Tamra Ailen – Grand Junction Community Development Jenny Nitzley– Grand Junction Community Development Trent Prall – Grand Junction Public Works Dave Thornton - Grand Junction Planning Tim Lehrbach – Grand Junction Planning

#### Core Team:

Rusty Lloyd - RCI Joel Sholtes – RCI Shannon Wadas – RiversEdge West Mary Cornforth – Strategic by Nature Beth Vogelsang – OV Consulting Kat Hill – OV Consulting

# **Meeting Purpose and Schedule**

This meeting was the first in a series of three jurisdictional workshops to discuss the Grand Valley River Corridor and to achieve the following:

- Develop a coordinated approach to creating a shared vision for the river corridor
- Explore planning and management strategies for the corridor that align with the vision



- Inform the engagement process with the community
- Develop an agreed-upon planning framework and next steps

The agenda included a recap of the River Corridor Initiative, an introduction to the Planning Framework process, an update on recent Fluvial Hazard Mapping and a group exercise to share jurisdictional updates, identify key challenges or concerns and begin to identify core values or goals along the river corridor. (See Workshop #1 pdf for full presentation)

The following process schedule was shared with the group:



# Group Exercise: Jurisdictional Updates, Challenges or Concerns

Each jurisdiction provided an update or identified key concerns they are currently facing along the river corridor. All input was captured through sticky notes and conversation.

# Palisade

#### Updates

- Undergoing riverbank restoration @ Riverbend Park Tamarisk and Russian Olive invasive species removal.
- Boat Launch improvement @ Harkey's
- Palisade Pipes and Laterals now managed by town (provides non-treated water for irrigation)
- Watershed / Water Quality improvements @ Rapid Creek
- Decommissioning Wastewater Treatment Plant at Sewer Lagoon to use Clifton Sewer will consider re-development or restoration of the site and riparian habitat

#### Concerns/Challenges

- Palisade owns one square mile we have a small footprint with limited influence
- Most property along the river is privately owned
- Residents are supportive and understanding about what is happening, after initial shock at sight of chainsaws removing invasive species
- Interested in partnerships to help with projects, particularly Palisade High School

• Current projects have limited crew size - RiversEdge West & Conservation Corp have been critical to getting this work completed.

# **Mesa County**

#### Updates

- <u>One Riverfront Trail Planning Project</u> alternative analysis working with One Riverfront from Clifton to Palisade
- Hillslope Failure
- Remediation of 29 Road landslide on the south side of the river

#### Concerns/Challenges

- High prevalence of gravel quarries that are economic driver for unincorporated area
- Homeless population occupying the river
- Floodplain Management / Wildfire mitigation and emergency services
- Land Use Planning in residential and agricultural areas
- Development applications often trying to be close to the river and running into geologic and floodplain hazards. Several want to run camping or Airbnb businesses in floodplain.
- Interested in being involved / cooperating but depends on specific issue. In some cases elected officials don't need to be involved.
- View RCI as an opportunity to create a working partnership between governments, nonprofits, and private groups that have a vested interest in project. Need to identify who leads, who has resources and support for various projects as well as holistic feel of bigger picture and how the projects feed into that picture.
- How to be sustainable on your own and be supportive of each other?

# Fruita

#### Updates

- Reactivate some of the river corridor, especially River Beach Property.
  - o Currently site planning with developer for old Fruita Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Water Conservation and Land Use effort through Growing Water Smart Conference

#### Concerns/Challenges

- Linking project needs with funding sources
- Corridor connectivity everything ends in Fruita
- Reservoirs
- Invasive species removal
- Wildfire mitigation
- Preserving city water rights
- Riverfront access currently limited working to improve access, particularly a boat launch.
- Pedestrian connectivity around and near the river
- TMDLs and Irrigation Water Quality E Coli (Adobe and Leach), Iron & Selenium (14 Drainages)

- Adobe, + Ridge, Creek, Tributaries, Not Colorado
- Water Conservation/Land Use
- Mountain Water Properties
- Hadn't yet heard of Fluvial Hazard Zone Mapping

# **Grand Junction**

#### Updates

- New Development: Las Colonias, Dos Rios, The Eddy (private) demonstrates desire to be near river's edge
- New riverfront trail connections are being developed between Las Colonias and 29 Road.
- Land use plan was updated in 2020. The new plan identifies opportunities for underdeveloped properties and proximity to the river
- Sustainability Adaptation Plan is currently underway, including sections for water, natural resources, tree canopy, and habitat
- River trail upgrades are being completed in coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on C ½ Road as well as other trails
- Study underway of Redlands Parkway from State Highway 340 to Riverside Parkway
- <u>Desert Rivers Collaborative</u> Memorandum of Understanding currently under consideration for re-signing

#### **Concerns/Challenges**

- Maintenance of Watson Island
- Private land use development and interaction with future planning efforts (Las Colonias, the Eddy, Dos Rios, mineral extraction, campgrounds, Air B& B's, etc. along the river)
  - o Interested in densification in the Broadway to Redlands Parkway zone and further west
- Desire for access to the river and better utilization of River Trail Lakes State Park
- Unhoused individuals living along river present challenges to access, flow, development & safety
- Wildfire mitigation, habitat protection and endangered species must be balanced with human needs
- Water Volume and Flows (high and low water)
- Low-lying communities in the floodplain, such as Riverside Neighborhood (low-income)
- Redlands trail race, river (kayak park) and development at Connected Lakes State Park
- Interface with Army Corps & US Fish & Wildlife

# Key Takeaways

The jurisdictions collectively discussed their core values around land use and the river corridor. All input was captured through sticky notes and conversation. The core themes and shared values identified through this conversation included:



- Ecological health, riparian habitat, and aquatic species are the top priority
- The river is a recreational asset and public amenity; recreational use in and along the river corridor, and recreational use "because" of the river
- The river is a spine; trail connectivity along the river and increased access to the river is critical
- Activation, economic development, and housing supply along the river are important aspects of the river's edge
- Open space, viewsheds, and natural environment along the river should be integrated with river's edge and influence development decisions (not a commercialized strip)
- Increased education, engagement, and awareness of all aspects of river health and use is important

Additional items for consideration and discussion included:

- Through this process, jurisdictions would like to establish baseline practices and goals for the river corridor that make municipal boundaries along the river nearly indistinguishable
- Public access to the river and land development must be balanced with environmental goals, such as protection of ecological habitat and endangered species
- With population growth, how can the river corridor be protected from the impacts of expansion of necessary public infrastructure and facilities (i.e. wastewater, intakes and treatment plants)?

# **Action Items**

In an effort to further understand each jurisdiction's objectives and concerns, the consultant team will meet with staff from each jurisdiction to review and verify the above notes. From there, the consultant team will develop a menu of planning framework tools to explore through the second jurisdictional workshop in January 2024. These tools will be aimed at alleviating concerns and challenges expressed during Workshop #1, while fostering the values expressed by the jurisdictions.



MEETING: Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative: Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Workshop #2 Mesa County Central Library, Grand Junction

DATE: February 6, 2024

# **Attendees**

**Fruita**: Kimberly Bullen – Fruita Public Works Henry Hemphill – Fruita Planning & Development Department

Palisade: Troy Ward – Palisade Parks & Facilities

Grand Junction Dave Thornton - Grand Junction Planning

#### Mesa County

Erik Borschel – Mesa County Public Works Faye Hall – Mesa County Planning Department Carrie Gudorf – Mesa County Stormwater Management

#### **RCI Core Team:**

Rusty Lloyd - RCI Joel Sholtes – RCI Shannon Wadas – RiversEdge West Mary Cornforth – Strategic by Nature Beth Vogelsang – OV Consulting Reese Shaw – OV Consulting

# **Meeting Purpose**

The agenda for Workshop #2 consisted of:

- 1. Revising the Draft Vision Statement for the Grand Valley River Corridor
- 2. Exploring management tools & planning framework examples from peer cities
- 3. Discussion of a Joint Resolution and next steps



# **Project Schedule**



The following process schedule was shared with the group:

# Foundation for the Vision: Issues & Values

The project team captured key concerns from each jurisdiction during Workshop #1 and throughout subsequent follow-up meetings with each jurisdiction. The key issues listed below served as guidance for a visioning refinement exercise at the beginning of Workshop #2:

#### **Key Issues:**

- Watershed & Water Quality
- Removal of invasive species
- Restoration of river's edge
- Remediation of landslide, hillslope failure
- Floodplain management and wildfire mitigation concerns
- Water conservation and increasing land use
- Number of gravel ponds
- Changing land use along the river
- Lack of connectivity along river; limited access to riverfront or trails
- Lack of public access to river
- Growing recreational demand and use
- Increase in overnight stays along the river; B&B and camping
- Homeless population living along the river
- Safety
- Need for working partnerships to support projects of all kinds



Using the key issues as a foundation, the project team developed a list of potential values that might align with each jurisdiction's needs and conditions

#### **Aligning Values:**

- Ecological health, riparian habitat, and aquatic species are top priority
- The river is a recreational asset and public amenity; recreational use in and along, and recreational use "because" of the river;
- The river is a spine; trail connectivity along the river and increased access to the river is critical
- Activation, economic development, and housing supply along the river are important aspects of the river's edge.
- Open space, viewsheds, and natural environment along the river should be integrated with river's edge and influence development decisions (not a commercialized strip)
- Increased education, engagement, and awareness of all aspects of river health and use is important

# **Vision Statement Exercise**

A visioning exercise was held to further refine the draft Vision Statement for the corridor. Attendees formed three groups to discuss shared values related to the river corridor and the wording for a Vision Statement. Some groups created Vision Statements that were detailed, outlining specific vision elements, while other groups approached the Vision Statement as something that should be broad, high-level, and long-term.

The following draft Vision Statement was provided during the exercise as an example for group discussion

#### **Example Vision Statement:**

"The people of the Grand Valley enjoy and live in harmony with the river, appreciating and stewarding the diverse benefits it brings to our economy, environment, and quality of life and maintaining and enhancing those benefits for future generations through actions that:

- Support the health of the river and its aquatic species;
- Preserve and protect wildlife and riparian habitat;
- Enable accessible active and passive recreation opportunities;
- Ensure public access through connected trails and parks;
- Integrate land use and economic opportunity sustainably and in context to the river."



Group A developed their own vision statement by revising the example statement, while Groups B and C developed new lists of vision elements. The following are the verbatim revised Vision Statements and Vision Elements resulting from the exercise:

# Group A:

**Revised Vision Statement:** *"The Grand Valley will commit to supporting a vibrant and healthy river corridor that benefits a diverse community of stakeholders for future generations"* 

#### **Vision Elements:**

- Water quality
- Floodplain
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Connection & infrastructure
- Maintain access
- Tourism
- Land use & development
- Giver the river room (to move)
- Accessible & benefitting everyone

#### Group B:

#### **Vision Elements:**

- Activate areas with parks, open space and trails
  - Long-term vision
- Keep commercial out of the flood zone
- Cluster appropriate uses
- Initial considerations as projects come up

## Group C:

#### Vision Elements & Comments:

- Add "terrestrial" to first point or change to "all wildlife systems" [in reference to the provided example vision statement]
- Explore creating sub areas for diverse uses, e.g. more urbanized vs passive natural
  - $\circ$  Sub areas would have a spectrum of high-intensity  $\rightarrow$  low-intensity uses
  - Need for buffer zones, in perpetuity, among areas or sub areas of development
- Long-term vision and planning for a River Corridor
- Planning for "100 Years" or "The Next Century" or "Forever" along our rivers
- Safe (Access, Public Safety, Not Hazardous, Avoiding Development in the Fluvial Hazard Zone)



# **Planning Framework Toolkit**

Planning framework tools were presented in tiers, ranging in scale and regulatory strength, but ultimately decisions are up to jurisdictions on an individual level and were discussed with the group through the peer city examples shown below.

#### **Tier 1: Broad Tools**

- Multi-jurisdictional plan
- Mapping & Inventory
- Planning Guidance
- Resolution
- IGA

#### **Tier 2: Intermediate Tools**

- o Regulations/Ordinances
- o Conservancy/ Management Districts
- o Design Guidelines
- o Special Purpose Plans

#### Tier 3: Site-Specific Tools

- Sub-Area Plans
- Zoning
- Site-Specific Improvement

# **Peer City Examples:**

- A. **Boise, Idaho Master Plan** Moderately flexible plan that pairs together an ordinance, master plan, and management district.
- B. San Diego River Park supplement to 14 community plans (multi-jurisdictional)
- C. LA River Master Plan 51 miles through multiple jurisdictions
  - Created RIO River Improvement Overlay District
  - Land use zoning overlay improved
  - Identified primary goals then broke into sections (guidance coupled with delineation).
  - 3-part governance structure: Foundation to write grants and receive monies, private forprofit development corporation to beneficial projects from land use side for economic benefit, governance authority - coordinated management.
- D. Chicago River Design Guidelines More authority than LA, zone district for entire river corridor. Less discretion.
- E. **Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Trail Framework** Flexible, more like guidance, focus on trial recreational framework and economic vitality of tourism .
- F. **CO Springs Ordinance + Design Guidelines** (single jurisdiction example) Identifies 3 tiers of stream typologies, each having unique design guidelines.



- G. **Ft, Collins** Similar framework to CO Springs but greater focus on ecology. Master Plan was not part of their picture
- Denver/South Platte No encompassing Master Plan, but The Healthy River Corridor Study created 200 ft. influence zone, adopted through Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure Rules and Regulations
- I. Miami, Ohio Miami Conservancy District used as governing body to increase flood resiliency
- J. San Antonio Riverwalk Master Plan Specific planning area that fits into part of a larger stormwater management system

# **Outcomes & Next Steps**

Representatives from each jurisdiction discussed their preferences towards next steps in the planning process. All four jurisdictions were receptive towards using a Joint Resolution to serve as an agreement to plan collaboratively along the Grand Valley River Corridor. There was also significant interest in using the Joint Resolution as a foundation for future master planning efforts along the river corridor.

The identification of a Working Group within the Joint Resolution was briefly discussed, although specific details were not elaborated on. It should also be noted that there was an interest in establishing programs to increase awareness and education around the Grand Valley River Corridor through any future efforts.

#### **Action Items:**

- 1. OV to develop a revised Vision using input from Workshop #2
  - a. Send revised Vision to RCI Core Team for review prior to RCI Advisory Council Meeting (February 29<sup>th</sup>) & add new Vision to RCI website after input from the Advisory Council.
- 2. OV to draft a memorandum for jurisdictions summarizing RCI's mission, the direction of the planning framework, and the details of a Resolution/MOU to support jurisdictional briefings.
- 3. Craft draft language for a Joint Resolution, MOU, etc.

#### Joint Resolution Discussion Notes:

- Resolution needs to be about cooperative planning and the intention to enter into a cooperative planning agreement.
- This is a starting point to think collectively, to get out ahead and preserve a currently healthy river.
- A joint resolution is possible, have been successful with other efforts intent to plan collaboratively.
- Identify River Influence Zone a good community awareness tool, task of Master Plan is to articulate actual zone.

#### Master Plan Discussion Notes:

- A master plan would identify goals and categories that impact the river.
- A master plan would supplement or be an amendment to jurisdictional plans.
- Over time, zoning is adjusted to reflect priorities identified in the Master Plan.
- Master Plan distinguishes between the health of the river and the health of the community they are very different things and stay with each community.



- Process and components can be delineated in the Master Plan. Identify the trigger for concern or actions. Trigger varies by community.
- How do you deal with things already in place in the identified zone?
  - Changes occur over time as opportunity arises

# The Grand Valley River Corridor

# **Future Land Use**

- Commercial
- Mixed-Use
- Civic + Community
- Industrial + Innovation
- Parks + Open Space + Preservation
- Agriculture + Agritourism
- Residential High-Density
- Residential Medium-Density
- Residential Low-Density
- Residential Rural

\*Land use designations from each jurisdiction are consolidated from the following GIS datasets: - Mesa County Rural Planing Future Land Use Area - Grand Junction Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan - Palisade Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use

- Fruita Future Land Use

# Hydrology

- River
- 😑 🛛 Lakes
- Canals
- ---- Fluvial Hazard Zone

# Recreation

- ----- Trails
- Parks

# Juridictions

----- Municipal Boundaries

