



RIVER VALLEY RANCH

RVR Long Range Planning Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 1 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference
and at the Ranch House

RVR Committee Members

John Lund - Chair, Michael Banbury - Board Member,
Brian Leasure, Cari Shurman
Charlie Lozner, Leslie Marcus

RVR Members

Sandy Marlin, John Krousouloudis

- I. **Welcome** - The meeting was in-person at the Ranch House and via zoom. After working through technical issues, the meeting started at 1:07.
- II. **Approval of the minutes of the October meeting:** Minutes approved.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ixUtUS39hUXH5UkEzWPMSc2oRP541z2hBBMuOu2jsk/edit?usp=sharing>
- III. **Public Comments** - Sandy attended via zoom to discuss the agenda item regarding climate/conservation interests. John K. attended the meeting via zoom to listen.
- IV. **Discussion of the Committee's plans for 2022 in light of budget cycle** - John L. shared an overview of the 2022 budget process and community experience, followed by committee discussion of the importance of gathering community feedback for long range planning purposes and what best practices should be utilized. MacMahon group was discussed and it was noted that their proposal includes assistance with a survey and information-gathering. Committee members agreed that it will be important to get our new GM up to speed prior to moving forward with this process.

The committee discussed the possible addition of new committee members to assure adequate representation from different demographics/neighborhoods within RVR. Potentially look at candidates from Old Town/Settlement, and add the new GM as a committee member. In addition, the committee discussed changing the day/time of meetings based on a member comment, but it was agreed that the selected day and time are adequate for committee member participation.

- V. Discussion of whether and how to incorporate climate and conservation interests of the community into our efforts.** John L. thanked Sandy for attending and opened the floor for her comments. Sandy noted that she has participated in an email forum with approximately 50 RVR members who are interested in RVR's focus on sustainability and climate impact. Some items that came up included the use of pesticides, water conservation, possible areas for xeriscaping/community garden/solar, etc. Sandy commented that it was important that we leave the planet better for the future. There was conversation around the Town of Carbondale's Climate Action Plan and agreement that present and future governing groups within RVR need to keep sustainability as a top priority. Keri mentioned that this issue can have a positive or negative impact on home values, and John L. mentioned that we could easily create awareness around this issue immediately through focused communication. John L. and Michael will present this discussion to the Board for further consideration.
- VI. Discussion of recent Reserve Study and its potential impact on long range planning efforts.** See reserve Study [HERE](#). The committee briefly discussed the new reserve study. Members will review the study as we believe there will be overlap between what's planned for our reserve projects and a potential recommendation through the LRPC and the chosen consultant.
- VII. New Business - None**
- VIII. Adjourn 2:05**