

River Committee July 10th Meeting Agenda

Our mission: Measuring the value of our river access to property owners, improving the quality of our river access for all owners, and conservation of the river as a whole.

Meeting Attendees:

Ryan Walker
Pete Gallup
David Sandlin
Kade Sessions
Dan Campbell
Kaleb Orrock
John Hasegawa
Ron Poulin
Kerry Hicks
Mike Roal
Mary Jo Roal
Ken Novak
Andrea Ridder
Ben Green

Meeting Cadence: May 18th and June 8th

Initiatives

1. Stop the sale of public fishing passes
2. Quantify/Measure the value of our river access to the neighborhood
3. Become a stakeholder in scientific studies
4. Revamp fishing passes and lockbox codes
5. Track usage and trespassing enforcement
6. Invest in our river access

Stop the sale of public fishing passes

The river committee has consulted Husted Law Firm and found no legal proof that the Metric District is required to sell public fishing passes. We have requested a thorough legal explanation from the Board's lawyers on 06/22. We would like to thank Buck and the Board for delaying the sale of these passes until 2024. When does the Board expect to have a response?

Quantify/Measure the value of our river access to the neighborhood

80% of property purchasers in the last 3 years are fishing pass holders. We surveyed 13/22 individuals who are fishing pass holders who also purchased property in the last 3 years. The survey results are attached.

Become a stakeholder in scientific studies

We met with Dr. Yoichiro Kanno and Nitsa Platis from CSU and Brien Rose from Blue Valley Ranch on May 24th and covered two presentations. Our River Committee understands the purpose of these studies but we feel the shocking on the lower Blue River has become extremely excessive and we request that the River Committee be consulted when the next study is up for discussion.

Revamp fishing passes and lockbox codes

We would like to invest in a new lockbox, all owners receive a unique code that is updated annually. This will allow the neighborhood to track/understand usage and identify when access is being abused. Add owner picture to fishing passes. We would like to establish a written policy for trespassing and seeking assistance from the board on how to best go about trespassing enforcement. The River Committee will raise the funds necessary to purchase this new lockbox and we will volunteer ourselves to manage updating codes if necessary.

Invest in our river access

The committee is actively discussing an annual fishing pass fee that would be utilized for river improvement projects.