



Greater Rifle Improvement Team (GRIT) Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Agenda – Remote

April 13, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

City Hall – Rifle Colorado
202 Railroad Ave., Rifle CO 81650

The Board may take action on any of the following agenda items as presented or modified prior to or during the meeting, and items necessary or convenient to effectuate the agenda items.

12:00 p.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call
12:03 p.m.	Visitor Introductions
12:08 p.m.	Approve Minutes from March 9, 2021 GRIT Advisory Meeting
12:10 p.m.	Partner Updates – approximately 5 minutes each <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EDC• DDA• Chamber
12:25 p.m.	Update on 3 rd Street and Railroad Project
12:35 p.m.	Excel Downtown Rifle Project update
12:45 p.m.	GRIT Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board seats expiring○ Summer Grant Cycle Expectations
12:50 p.m.	Board Updates
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn

To join the meeting via zoom:

Call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 840 8127 9306

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The order and times of agenda items listed above are approximate and intended as a guideline for the Board

Next Regular Meeting: May 11, 2021

The GRIT advisory Board has two grant cycles. The grant cycle and deadlines to submit an application are:

January Cycle – Application Deadline: December 31st – Funding: February

June Cycle – Application Deadline: May 31st – Funding: July

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Tuesday March 9, 2021

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A regular meeting of the G.R.I.T. advisory board is called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Garrick Frontella, Kristine Llacunna, Helen Rogers, Tyler Kelly, Evin Sartin, Tanya Doose, Samm Young, and Kari Slappy.

Also Present: Main Street Manager Kim Burner and Administrative Assistant Quiriat Portuguez.

Minutes- Helen Rogers moves to approve the minutes for February. The motion is seconded by Tanya Doose, and the motion carries. Minutes for February are approved.

Partner Group Updates

R.R.E.D.C.-Tyler Kelly speaks for the Economic Development Center. He has been working with A.G.N.C. (Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado) to help further the Rural Jump-Start Program here in Rifle. This program will provide tax breaks to businesses looking to move into our area. These tax breaks are available to businesses not competing with already existing businesses, in efforts to bring new industry into the valley. \$41,000.00 still available for COVID-19 business support relief funds, which the R.R.E.D.C. will be administering.

D.D.A.- Helen Rogers speaks for the D.D.A. The Farmer's Market is moving forward and will be at Hienze Park. Helen asks The Chamber if they are still interested in selling wine and beer for the summer. Tanya Doose lets Helen know that she will address it with The Chamber BOD at their next meeting. The Rifle House parking lot grading has been coming along well. It is part of the first phase in the Downtown beautification project. In closing, Helen mentions that

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the DDA is in need of new board members, and she welcomes downtown business owners to join.

The Chamber- Tanya Doose speaks for The Chamber. Tanya mentions that the lunch and learn sessions have begun, and in addition, The Chamber has added a Spanish language lunch and learn beginning the end of March. Planning has started for the G.A.R.C.O. Fair and Rodeo Parade. The State of the Community is scheduled for late May, and the annual dinner will be held in late summer or early fall.

3rd Street Update- Kim Burner speaks for this project. She confirms that City Council has awarded the bid to K.S.K. Construction for the downtown renovation. As part of the contract and bid, K.S.K. has brought Tracy Trulove on board the project. Tracy will facilitate communications for local business owners and citizens, and will also be attending the City communications meetings.

City wide crack sealing will also be taking place this summer 20201

Gateway to Rifle Beautification- Kim Burner updates the board on this project. New renderings are presented to the board. Curb and gutters will be added and more attractive landscaping. In addition, an entrance sign saying “Welcome to Rifle” will be placed off the I-70 exit.

Spring Clean-Up has been approved for 2021. Information on the schedule is available on Rifleco.org. City employees are spearheading the project and taking on a lot of the labor. G.A.R.C.O. has agreed to pay for half of the disposal fees.

Arch Trail Project is ongoing. The parking lot is slated to begin construction in April with the help of G.A.R.C.O. road and bridge workers.

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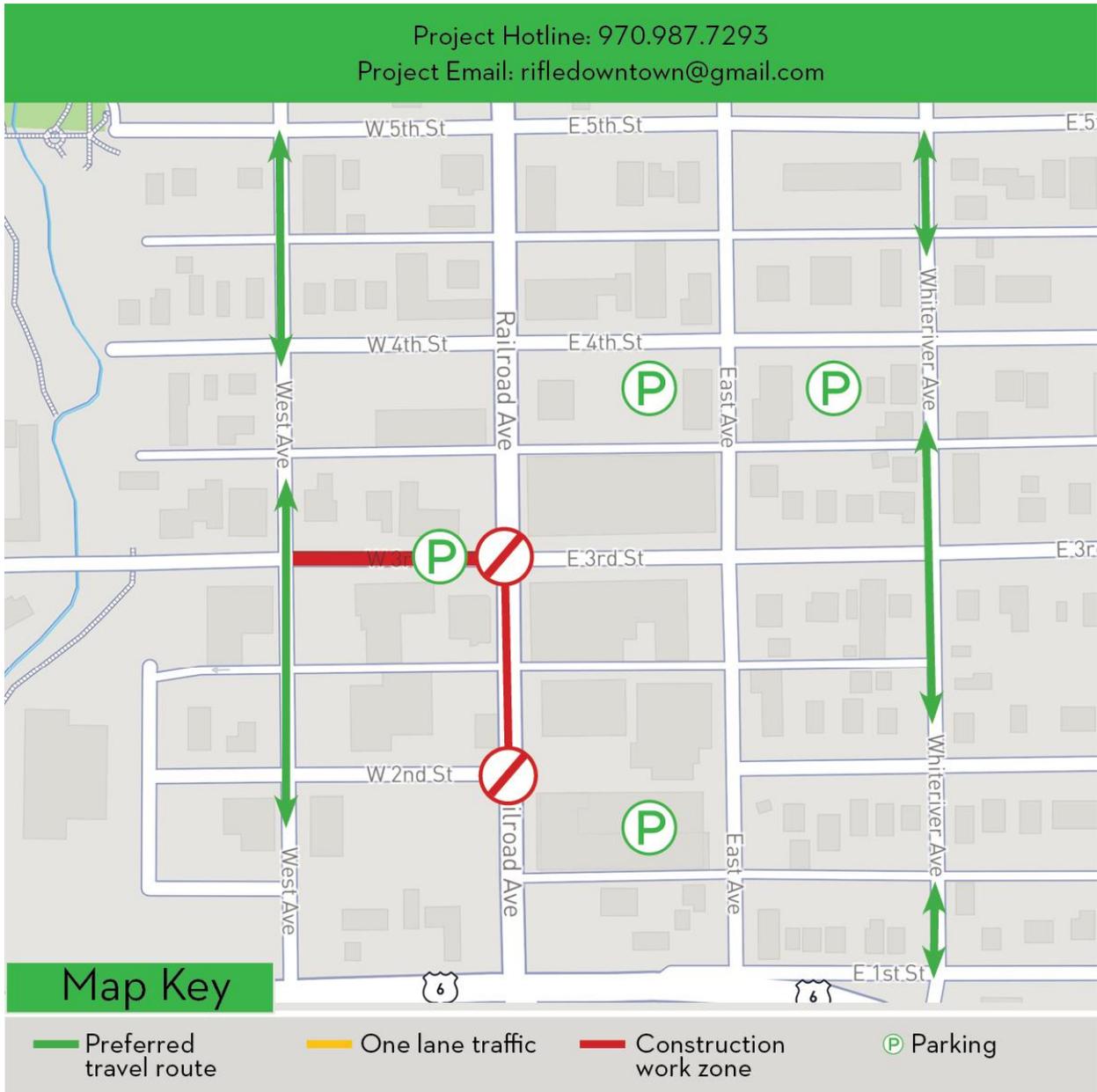
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The Riverfront Project is ongoing. The island in the floodway is still being looked at for purchase by the city.

The meeting adjourns at 12:46 p.m.

Garrick Frontella
GRIT Chair

Quiariat Portuguez
Administrative Assistant



Construction Updates (week of April 5-9)

1. Crews will not need to shut off water this week as originally planned. Access to 2nd Street is closed from Railroad Ave. west but open from West Ave.
2. There will be continued intermittent work on west 3rd St. so please pay attention to the traffic control and signage at this location. Flaggers are positioned daily to help children walking from Rifle Middle School to cross on West Ave. The city has adjusted signal timing at Centennial to assist with traffic flow.
3. Work still slated to begin on east 3rd. St. April 12.

Railroad Ave

Railroad Ave. & Third St. Improvement Project



Project Hotline: 970.987.7293 | Project Email: rifledowntown@gmail.com



PHASE ONE:

- > Waterline installed
- > Waterline Testing now
- > Sidewalk, curb and gutter deconstruction and rebuild
- > Work 50% complete

Timeline March-early May

PHASE TWO:

- > Railroad Ave. from 2nd to 3rd St.
- > Waterline Install
- > Sidewalk, curb and gutter deconstruction and rebuild

Timeline April to mid-May

PHASE THREE:

- > East 3rd Street
- > Waterline Install
- > Sidewalk, curb and gutter deconstruction and rebuild

Timeline mid-April to June

PHASE FOUR:

- > Railroad Ave. from 3rd through 4th Streets
- > Storm drain install
- > Sidewalk, curb and gutter deconstruction and rebuild

Timeline mid-May to project completion

G.R.I.T. Retainment letter

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March 17, 2021

City of Rifle Council and the G.R.I.T. Board,

I, Kristine Llacuna, would like to please retain my seat on this board for another term starting in 2021.

I have been on this board since 2014 and have enjoyed knowing what's going on to be able to help as well as how much we have accomplished in the last few years. Times have changed but I am still very involved with Rifle. I am going to school to add changes to my business that I had for 9 years.

I have lived here for over 35 years, raising my kids with all of my volunteering to help make Rifle the best it can be. Through my church, boy's schools, farmer's market, chamber, hospital, and fundraisers. Starting out on the Main Street board and V.I.F. Now we are combined for success.

Helping several other City, County and local events and boards that have been kind in taking my assistance and teaching me so much more. Since 2020 was more of a get everything back in order kind of year I would love to be able to finish what we started and get things accomplished in the next couple of years as a returning member of this board.

Can't wait to see what happens and thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Sincerely,

Kristine Llacuna