City of Fruita – Livability Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023

Members in Attendance: Dave Karisny, Jeannine Purser, John Rodwick, Al Condor, Connie Overton, and Sheila Adamson.

Members Absent: Terri Potente, Jessica Ruffule, and Chris Taggart (all excused absent)

Staff in Attendance: Shannon Vassen

Guests in Attendance: Members of the public.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dave Karisny, Chair for the Livability Commission, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Mr. Karisny opened the meeting for public comment. After seeing none or anyone that wanted to provide a comment to the Livability commission, Mr. Karisny closed this item.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from March 16, 2023, Regular Meeting

Mr. Karisny then moved onto the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no changes to the minutes from the March 16, 2023, meeting. John Rodwick made a motion to approve the minutes, and Sheila Adamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Member Reports

Mr. Karisny then opened up the meeting for member reports. After seeing none, Mr. Karisny closed this item.

V. Staff Report

Shannon Vassen, staff liaison to the Livability Commission, provided a brief update to the group. Highlights of the update included:

- **Discussion with the City Council** - Mr. Vassen shared that the City Council has invited the Livability Commission to their April workshop meeting to discuss accomplishments, goals, and projects. Mr. Vassen explained that the City Council is inviting each Board and Commission to a meeting this year, and he encouraged anyone that is interested to participate in the discussion.

- **Fruita Bark Park** – Council Liaison to the Livability Commission Jeannine Purser provided an overview of the grand opening celebration that the City had that week for the Fruita Bark Park. The Park is located on the southside of Fruita next to Dinosaur Journey Museum, and there is two areas, a large dog area and an area for senior or small dogs.
Additionally, Ms. Purser shared that there is also a drinking fountain at the park for dogs and humans. The celebration overall went very well and was well attended.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Finalizing Goals and Priorities – For this agenda item, the Livability Commission continued their discussion on finalizing goals and priorities for the group for the upcoming year. The group has settled on three areas, which are communications, proactive wellness, and transportation. For this meeting, the group discussed communications and how to spread education materials to community members that may be interested in them. The Commission also discussed current City communication efforts and how those can be shared and many even consolidated into a handout that can be provided at the Fruita Farmers Market. The group then discussed other ways that would help with outreach, including inviting staff to community or HOA meetings, putting City Links is downtown restaurants, or having laminated outreach materials with QR codes at businesses. For the next meeting, staff said they will prepare a list of materials that can be distributed at the Farmers Market and continue working with staff on communications efforts.

b. Action Items –
   • **Fruita Farmers Market** – After that discussion, the Livability Commission briefly discussed planning for the Fruita Farmers Market. At the next meeting, the group will decide on how often they would like a booth at the Farmers Market, what dates may work, what to include at the table, and other details.

c. Other Items – For other items, Mr. Karisny shared that Shanachie Carroll will be joining the Livability Commission at their next meeting to discuss new program offerings at the library, which may be applicable to our members.

VII. Adjourn

There were no other items discussed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.