

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
September 9, 2013

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Biz Collins	Dave Grossman
Scott McBrayer	Eric Marchese	Michelle Bailey
Kristen Heumann	Terri Wenzlaff	Dan Fitzgerald

Also present was Michele Rohrbach.

Welcomed new members and did introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes – Scott/Dave. Motion passed.

Announcements – Michelle Bailey will attend the RFC meeting on September 17th. Bicycle Dreams being shown on October 4th at 7:00pm at the Mesa Theater (fundraiser for the Riverfront Foundation).

Old Business – UTC Master Trails Plan – Julie gave a history of the Urban Trails Committee and the history of the Master Trails Plan and current revision. Discussed the Planning Commission meeting and the negative comments given at the meeting focused only on canal bank trails when UTC wanted to focus on safe routes to schools, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike paths.

Discussed who was at the meeting and that most of those that made negative comments were outside the City limits – mainly in the outlying area of Loma and Mack.

Talked about strategy and how to refocus. Think education is key as well as coming up with talking points.

A main comment made was that the grand valley canal banks are very dangerous, riddle with trash and crime.

Need to prioritize the map. Julie talked about the “Bleiker Life-Preserver”. City staff is checking into seeing if he could come and do a workshop. Julie asked if members would be interested.

Plan is on hold with City Council. Was supposed to go before the County Planning meeting on September 23rd and UTC members have requested to delay. The County Commissioner could

still move the plan forward. Concern that the County will move it forward when UTC isn't ready at this time.

Group needs a list of questions/options to work through and have another meeting before the next UTC meeting to work up priority list. Biz proposed September 23rd, several members unavailable. Dan suggested working with finding a win from the loss. Could invite canal companies and drainage companies to do presentation where issues can be addressed. Members will check calendars and set up a date and move forward with strategy working points.

GJ Off Road – good time. VCB is collecting information. EPIC Rides has sent out survey and have had 50% response. Will be getting info together and present at a later date.

IGA – most attendee were Riverfront and Urban Trails members. Birding booklet from Colorado Parks & Wildlife was passed out to attendees.

Share the Road – nothing to share.

Grand Valley Bikes – nothing to share.

Riverfront Update – Group will be meeting in Fruita next week. Reminded everyone about Bicycle Dream movie October 4th and Tour of the Moon.

There was no further old business.

New Business – New member orientation – Biz stated that there currently isn't a written orientation but would like to speed up the learning curve for new members. Asked new members to let them know what they would find beneficial.

Public Comment – No public present.

Adjournment – 7:15pm.