

**GRAND JUNCTION/MESA COUNTY
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 25, 1992**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.. Those present from the Commission:

Bill Ela	Ken Nesbitt
Jane Quimby	R.T. Mantlo
Pat Gormley	Bill Graham
R.T. Mantlo	Brian Mahoney
Ken Nesbitt	Lynn James
Ward Scott	Jim Spehar
Jim Baughman	

Also present: Gary Whittington, Tilman Bishop, Don Hobbs, Linda Boody, Kurt Mill, Suzanne Williams, Bud Franz, Dick Fletcher, Oby Blanchard Catherine Robertson and Stephanie Schmid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 21, 1992 were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tilie Bishop informed the Commission that Bill Douglas, President and Executive Director of the Boettcher Foundation will be in Grand Junction on Wednesday, September 2, 1992 to visit organizations that have received funding from Boettcher. Mr. Douglas will ride the Riverfront trail with Commission members and then visit the Riverfront Commission office to view plans for future trail development.

The City Planning Commission is meeting September 1, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. and will be discussing bike paths in the Grand Junction area.

The City of Grand Junction will have a new Director of Community Development who will start on September 8, 1992. Kathy Portner will also be back on September 8, 1992.

Bill Ela asked for written comment directed to the Metropolitan Planning Organization in support of bicycle trails and paths being included in their transportation planing.

The Roessler Memorial Shade Area will have the geese set on Monday, August 31, 1992 at 10:00 A.M. The press and dignitaries will be in attendance.

There will be a dinner meeting with the Grand Junction City Council and the Grand Junction/Mesa County Riverfront Commission at Two Rivers Plaza on September 23, 1992 at 6:30 P.M.

Rockport's American Discovery Trial-Blazer Day is September 12, 1992. The Commission decided that they did not wish to participate in this year's activities, but would like to know more about the ADT designation.

OLD BUSINESS

Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

Don Hobbs of Grand Junction Parks and Recreation discussed the progress report from the Design Workshop's Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The boundaries for the plan correspond to the 201 sewer district boundaries which includes the greater Grand Junction area. Looks at population, schools and traffic patterns. The city has been divided into several villages each with several community parks. They have identified the need for three regional parks of at least 200 acres in addition to Lincoln Park located in relation to existing population concentrations and projected population growth. Recreation centers are recommended in conjunction with the regional parks. It is the desire of the planners to have all the community parks connected together with some sort of trail system.

The target date for presentation to the City Council is sometime in November. The current plan does not include feasibility, prioritizing or funding recommendations. An executive summary dated August 18, 1992 addressed the issues of trails and a proposed circulation system.

Adopt-A-Trail

A summary of the Adopt-a-Trail survey was presented to the Commission by Stephanie Schmid. A discussion followed regarding whether or not the program should include landscaping or should involve only clean up. It was decided that the basic program should only address clean up, but that landscaping should be left as an option as long as standards are established and the group is responsible for maintenance of the vegetation they plant.

It was unanimously decided that the results of the survey be passed on to Brad Loucks to write up a policy for the Adopt-a-Trail agreements.

Posters

Bill Graham, Helen Traylor, Joe Skinner, Kurt Mill, Bruce Manchee and Stephanie Schmid met on Tuesday, July 28 to discuss the set of four posters that have been developed by Central Bank to promote the Riverfront Project. It was decided that the existing format will be retained and that they will be distributed to the school district, used in the State Park kiosks when built, and possibly be sold to the to the public with the profits to be used for reprinting costs. Full-sized copies have been distributed to various entities for review and comment before they are sent to the

printer.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trails

R.T. Mantlo brought the Commission up to date on the progress on easements on Blue Heron II. Several landowners are close to making a donation of an easement. Others are more likely to only be willing to sell either an easement or right of way. Appraisals have not yet been done to determine the cost for outright purchases or the value on donated easements. A meeting of Brian Mahoney, R.T. Mantlo, Tim Woodmansee, Bennett Boeschstein and Jeff Williams was proposed to expedite the acquisition of right of way for the trail. Written reports will be distributed to the Commission members detailing the easement situation.

Parks

Ken Nesbitt reported on the progress on negotiations with the D.O.E. and M.K. Ferguson on the mill tailings at the Climax Mill site. Progress is being made, but there is still some concern with the location and amount of backfill, revegetation and soil quality. The next hearing before the County Commissioners in September 15, 1992.

Corn Lake closed Monday, August 24 for the start of construction. The work should be complete in four to six weeks.

Administration

Financial statements were distributed for the period ending August 25, 1992. Brian informed the Commission that the City's budget which included funding for the Riverfront Commission office was a two-year budget and should result in continued funding for 1993. Pegboard literature holders have been donated by Andy Wolfe of All About Travel and the Riverfront office will soon have a brochure rack with information on area trails.

Operations

The bench standards committee has not yet met. We hope to have a report from them at the September meeting.

Intergovernmental

Nothing to report.

Finance

The Colorado Riverfront Foundation has received one response to the RFP put out for the design phase of Blue Heron II. Brian Mahoney suggested that it was not timely to award the design contract when the right of way negotiations had not progressed any further. It was agreed that the Commission would wait until the Foundation has had the chance to hold an executive committee meeting to approve the RFP to the Commission. Commission members will be provided with copies of the proposal from Ciavonne and Associates with the request for their comments. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

There will be a Foundation executive committee meeting at 6:30 P.M. before the regular Commission meeting on September 15, 1992.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The fifth annual Riverfront Run will be held at Riverside Park on October 3, 1992.

Ward Scott met with City Attorney Dan Wilson to discuss the Jarvis property. There is a promise to start dealing with the commingled waste one year from today.

Bill Ela suggested a temporary trail from Watson Island to Riverside Park. Ward Scott and Bud Franz commented that it would complicate and possible delay the cleanup of the Jarvis property.

Bill Graham informed the Commission that an Army Engineer Company wants to remove an unused pump from the river just east of 32 Road. They need a sponsor and an environmental assessment in order to do this and have requested that the Riverfront Commission be that sponsor.

Motion: Gromley/Ela to proceed with the sponsorship of the pump removal by the Army Engineer Company.

Motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.