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Riverfront Meeting 7/7/92

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

- Marty Currie - City Police Department
- Darold Sloan - City Police Department
- Keith Fife - Mesa County Planning
- Dave Roper - City Risk Management
- Don Hobbs - City Parks Department
- Dick Fletcher - State Parks Department
- Brian Mahoney - Riverfront Commission
- Mike Serra - Mesa County Maintenance
- Bennett Boeschstein - City Community Development Dept.
- Ted Novack - City Parks Department
- John Shaver - City Attorney's Office

The meeting was opened by Ted Novack, City Parks Director, with an explanation of the purpose of bringing the group together to coordinate the various agencies in the handling issues concerning management and maintenance of the trail system. Bennett displayed a map of the trail system, which showed the following ownership/authority:

County/Easements	City	State
Audubon Trail	Redlands Parkway	Connected Lakes
Greenbelt Drive Trail	Trail- N of river	Area
to Redlands Parkway-	Blue Heron Lake	
North side of river	Blue Heron Trail	
	Riverside Trail	
	Nesbit Lake(s)	

Ted noted the need to know who's in charge of regulations on the trail system, and that all of the entities involved needed to reach a consensus on regulation and management of the trails.

The following points were made during discussion that followed:

1) The Police Department needs an ordinance to grant enforcement authority to any regulations that are enacted. Darold and Marty pointed out that they do not currently have such authority. An enabling City ordinance similar to what the State now has in effect would grant enforcement authority to trail regulations. The Police Department has had problems such as transients to deal with on the trail system, without the legal means to accomplish this.

2) Currently, windsurfers, fishermen, and others are in conflict with jet-skiers on Blue Heron Lake, who have ignored the "no motorized craft" warnings - insisting that the regulation has no legal force.

3) There are no guidelines as to issuance of special permits for vending or camping as in current City Parks.

4) Sundance Marine has requested that they be allowed to use Blue Heron Lake to try out boats.

5) Some of the grants accepted to establish sections of the trail are incompatible with the use of motorized craft, and could be withdrawn.

Dick Fletcher passed around copies of a brochure outlining State Parks regulations, and there was a discussion of modeling the trail system rules on the State's. Darold suggested that the group have a clear list of the items to be enforced, and John Shaver noted that it is important to know who will be in charge of the enforcement. Brian Mahoney noted that the Riverfront Commission's purpose was to establish the trails, but that they did not have the resources to be involved in the ongoing management or maintenance and associated liabilities.

Mike Serra noted that the County does not have the resources to manage a trail system since they have no Park's department, and he felt that there should be one all-over agency in charge. He felt the County would be favorable to turning their sections of the trail over to the City. There followed a discussion of having the City annex the necessary areas to accomplish this, though Bennett noted that there currently is no annexation plan in effect for the Audubon Trail area. Bennett also addressed the need for an all-over management plan for the trails. Mike Serra concluded by stressing the need for a "uniform response plan" for law enforcement. Darold said he was meeting with Reicke Claussen, and would discuss this subject with him at that time.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ted suggested that the present group would be in charge of setting up the management operation plan for the trails, utilizing input from the Riverfront Commission. John Shaver was asked to draft a proposed ordinance for the City Council that would give the Police authority to enforce regulations that were developed. The following areas of regulation were specifically addressed:

Trail hours	- Closed after dark
Alcohol use	- Beer only, no glass containers
Motorized craft	- Not to be allowed
Animals	- To be leashed per County regulations
Camping	- To be allowed by permit only
Vending	- By permit only

Use of skateboards, rollerblades, horses, and cross-country skis were also discussed.

It was agreed that we would try to schedule a follow-up meeting for a Friday morning.