

**GRAND JUNCTION/MESA COUNTY
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 21, 1992**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present from the Commission:

Brian Mahoney
Pat Gormley
Jim Robb
Lynn James

Bill Ela
Jane Quimby
Bill Graham
Jim Spehar

Also present: Kathy Portner, Roger Moore, Kurt Mill, Oby Blanchard, Suzanne Williams, Clayton Dause, Dick Fletcher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Quimby/Ela to approve the minutes of December 3, 1991 as submitted.

Motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission has received a bill for the share of water being delivered to Blue Heron Lake.

The Commission has been asked to participate in the Earth Day Celebration to be held April 22nd. It has been suggested that the Riverfront Commission sponsor a junk art sculpture competition at Watson Island. It could be done as a fund raiser.

Motion: Gormley/Quimby that the Riverfront Commission find a volunteer to help organize the event.

Motion was approved.

The Riverfront Commission will have a large raft in the Lions Club Parade on February 22nd. Participants are needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Goals for 1992

There was some discussion of how the goals should be revised including: changing the reference in #1 from Colorado River Recreation Area to Colorado River State Park, breaking down #4 and #7, and adding to #9 ..."expansion and maintenance"...

Pat Gormley suggested the goals be edited before the February meeting. The editing committee will be Pat, Brian Mahoney and Kathy Portner.

Ratify New Table for Organization

The following changes were suggested:

- Finance should be moved under Administration as a subcommittee.
- City Parks and Recreation should be added as a subcommittee under Operations.
- Tillie Bishop should be added as a representative for State Agencies.

Administrative Assistant Position

The Commission members reviewed a proposed job description patterned after similar City positions. There was some discussion as to education experience requirements.

Motion: Gormley/Quimby to have the proposed job description reviewed and approved by the City Personnel Manager and to authorize the committee to commence recruitment.

Motion was approved.

Discuss Trails Symposium

Brian Mahoney gave an overview of the State Trails Conference agenda, to be held in Grand Junction April 30, May 1 and 2, 1992. The Commission agreed to schedule the Watson Island Trail dedication in conjunction with the Trails Conference. The dedication will be on May 1st at noon. Lunch will be provided through cooperation with the Lions Club. Brian Mahoney suggested having school children do a May Pole Dance at the celebration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trails

Nothing to report.

Parks

Kurt Mill and Dick Fletcher reported on the progress of the Colorado River State Park. They are getting ready for road work at Corn Lake. Several additional properties have been purchased or are being negotiated. State Parks is also working with the Bureau of Reclamation and DOW on wetlands mitigation lands. The first phase of development will include facilities at Corn Lake and Connected Lakes using Watchable Wildlife Funds.

It was suggested that Mike Grode from the DOW should be on the ecology committee because of his involvement with the Watchable Wildlife Program.

Jane Quimby asked if anyone was familiar with an "Environmental Easement". It was a technique used in Steamboat for their river development. State Parks will look into it.

Administration

Brian Mahoney suggested he get the Post-Office Box key and start picking up the Riverfront mail.

Operations

A draft of the Standards Notebook should be completed by the end of the month. Jane Quimby suggested they talk to Helen Traylor about memorials to include those standards in the notebook.

Intergovernmental

Nothing to report.

Finance

The Foundation will discuss how much additional money should be going into the maintenance fund.

The Commission approved Brian Mahoney, Bill Ela and Pat Gormley to sign checks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Robb suggested we keep Ellen Fisher with the Gates Foundation informed on the project.

Roger Moore relayed that the Junior Service League does want to do a project at the Junior Service League Park this year but probably on a small scale.

Suzanne Williams, who will be the new newsletter editor, was introduced. The Spring issue should be out at the end of March.

Clayton Dause commented on how little trash there is along the trail. Also, several signs are missing along the Connected Lakes-Greenbelt Drive trail. Clayton also volunteered to help with future trail user surveys.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.