

**GRAND JUNCTION/MESA COUNTY
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 12, 1991**

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

Bill Graham
Jane Quimby
Bill Ela
Jim Baughman

Pat Gormley
Jim Robb
Rebecca Frank
Frank Dunn (City Parks and Recreation)

Also present: Kathy Portner, Roger Moore, Bud Franz, Oby Blanchard, Bob Carlson, 25 members of the local jet ski organization.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Gormley/Quimby that the minutes of July 8, 1991 be approved as submitted.
Motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Monument Striders Newsletter announced the Kokopelli Super Marathon and mentioned the Governor's Cup race on the River Trail was a success.

The Commission members reviewed a copy of a letter to Senator Tim Wirth requesting that he donate \$5,000 of his pay raise to the Riverfront Foundation as he had indicated it would go to Colorado charities.

Bob Hirons gave a status report on the general standards document he and Robin Cherp are putting together.

Jim Robb asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding the following:

Old Business : Riverfront Run

Administration

New Business : Letter concerning shooting along the River
Jet skier use of lakes and ponds

MOTION: Ela/Quimby to amend the agenda as requested.
Motion was approved.

Jet Skier's Use of Lakes and Ponds

Stacy Cook of the Western Colorado Jet Ski Association explained that the local jet skiers are looking for a small lake, close-in to practice their sport. They have been using a small pond near the Redlands Parkway. Direct access to that pond has been cut off with the trail development. The Association would like Blue Heron Lake opened up to jet skiers.

Jim Robb suggested that the issue of multiple uses along the River Corridor should be studied further.

MOTION: Gormley/Quimby to have Rebecca Frank organize a technical team comprised of City Parks, BLM, DOW, Mesa County, State Parks, etc. to look at user needs and potential conflicts along the River.

Motion was approved.

Letter Concerning Shooting Along the River

Commission members reviewed a letter from Penny Heuscher concerning shooting along the River. It was noted that shooting is not allowed in the City at all and the County has no shoot zones with specific regulations. Rebecca Frank noted that the law enforcement agencies and DOW are the appropriate agencies to handle complaints. Jim Robb will respond to the letter and copy the Sheriff and Police Chief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Connected Lakes

No report.

Supplemental Standards

Bud Franz reported that the issue has still not been resolved. The State has proposed a task force be set up with the City to look at future uses of the Riverfront properties.

5th Street Bridge Project - East

Oby Blanchard reported that the Delta Honor Camp crew spent 5 days on the old Lewis property cleaning it up and hauled 17 truck loads of metal to VanGundy's. There are also several piles to be burned in September.

The Botanic Society will be meeting with the City Council Quality of Life Committee on Thursday to discuss locating botanical gardens on City property at the end of 7th Street.

5th Street Bridge Project - West

No report.

Junior Service League Park

No report.

Volunteers

No report.

Special Events

No report.

City Parks and Recreation

Frank Dunn said the Parks Board is keeping informed to see how they will be involved in the project. Jim Robb suggested a joint meeting between the Riverfront Commission and Parks Board.

Intergovernmental Coordination

There will be an agency meeting in September.

Palisade Trail

There has been some problem with trail users looping back along the canal.

Fruita

No report.

Finance

Jane Quimby reported there were several grants being worked on.

Colorado River State Park

Reported earlier.

General Standards

Reported earlier.

Rafting

Elise Prinster is continuing to coordinate trips.

Blue Heron Trail

Jim Robb suggested a successor needed to be identified for Helen Traylor to coordinate Phase II.

Halloween Spook Trail

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Spehar reported that the City and County will discuss the new appointments to the Riverfront Commission at a breakfast meeting.