

**Grand Junction/Mesa County  
Riverfront Commission  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
June 10, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by co-chairman Bob Cron. Those present from the Committee were:

Bob Cron  
Cindy Burke

Pat Kennedy

Also present was Stephanie Schmid.

**Approval of Minutes**

Because there was not a quorum, the minutes could not be approved. The remainder of the meeting was conducted on an informal basis.

**Announcements**

Yeulin Willett has informed Bob that he does not wish to be reappointed to the Urban Trails Committee. Demands of young family and career have caused him to make this decision. Yeulin's departure will create a vacancy on the Committee.

**Old Business**

**Liberty Cap Trail**

Bob reported on a letter from Steve Hickman, Superintendent of the National Monument detailing his concerns about a proposed trail from the Seasons subdivision across BLM land to the Liberty Cap trailhead in the National Monument. He has asked that archaeological sites along the trail be documented. He expressed concern that the trail originated on "private land" even though it purports to be a public trail. His final concern was regarding the need for a system of trails adjacent to the residential development. Bob has requested a letter from the BLM granting permission to build the trail across the land in their jurisdiction. When permission is granted, Bob plans to organize volunteers to help in construction the trail.

**Urban Trails Master Plan**

A briefing of the County Commissioners on the Urban Trails Master Plan is scheduled for Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.. Bob plans to meet with Cliff Davidson and Keith Fife to make sure there are no major changes from the original Multimodal Plan.

## **New Business**

Bob reported that there are four applicants for the one vacancy or vacancies, if it is decided to expand the Committee. Cindy asked what activities were being considered for the next year. Bob answered that it would depend on the priorities set by Committee members, and suggested that the decision to increase the Committee size wait until after all the applicants have been interviewed. In response to Cindy's question about who had applied, Bob listed Katie Kaufmannis, Jamie Lumis, Paul Teal and Jerry Smith.

Bob informed the group that there was a public forum scheduled on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to consider the North Central Valley Neighborhood Plan. Because he planned to be out of town, he asked Cindy to find out whether or not the Urban Trails Committee needed to be represented. He also asked he to find out if Shawn Cooper would be participating.

## **Committee Reports**

### Recreation Use of Canal Banks

Bob reported that there have been citations issued by city police on H Road for trespassing on the ditch bank.

### Subdivision Trails

There was nothing to report.

### Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bob reported on the public meeting held by the County Transportation Department to gather comment on their plans for 30 Road between the I-70 Business Loop and D Road as well as the proposed underpass on 30 Road under the railroad tracks. His concern was with the plan to put bicycle traffic on the sidewalk on the section that goes under the railroad. He was also not satisfied with the plan for the section from Gunnison to D Road where they planned to add width to accommodate bicycle traffic but had no plan to strip the lanes. Bob felt that this was unacceptable. He asked whether or not Committee members present were in agreement with his writing a letter on behalf of the Urban Trails Committee requesting improvements to the aforementioned plans to accommodate bicycle traffic. Specifically, he wanted to ask the County for striped six foot bike lanes from the business loop to D Road. Pat Kennedy mentioned that Yeulin Willett had sent a letter to Joe Crocker pointing out that he has failed to follow the Multimodal plan in several aspects of this project and that .

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M..