

Grand Junction/Mesa County
Riverfront Commission
245-0045

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
July 8, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Co-Chairman Bob Cron. Those present from the Committee were:

Bob Cron	Pat Kennedy
Cindy Burke	Gerry Tucker
Mike Heaston	Lenna Watson

Also present was Shawn Cooper and Stephanie Schmid.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cron/Heaston to approve the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was passed.

Announcements

Bob Cron explained that as an outcome of the public meeting concerning bike lanes on 3rd Street, the City plans to stripe 3rd Street starting on July 21st. At least one bicycle lane will extend from South Avenue to North Avenue. There will be parking and bike lanes on both sides of 3rd through the main part of town up to Rood Avenue. North of Rood, parking will be limited to one side of the street only.

Old Business

Urban Trails Master Plan

Pat Kennedy announced that the scheduled briefing of the County Commissioners on the Urban Trails Master Plan had to be postponed because of a death in Bob Cron's family. A new date has been set for July 28th at 10:00 A.M.. The Commissioners have asked all four canal companies to be present at the meeting although it is merely a briefing so that the matter can be sent on to the Planning Commission. Bob encouraged Trails Committee members to attend if at all possible.

Snowmass Bicycle/Pedestrian Summit

Shawn Cooper informed Committee members that approval has been given for the City Parks Department to pay for two people to attend the Friday and Saturday portion of

the Summit with one night's lodging included. Lenna Watson plans to attend and Stephanie indicated that she would like to attend also.

New Business

Selection of a New Committee Member

Pat reported on the progress of interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy on the Urban Trails Committee. He and Bob have interviewed four individuals and are quite pleased with the pool of potential new members.

Expansion of Urban Trails Committee Membership

Pat informed the Committee that the Riverfront Commission has approved the expansion of the Urban Trails Committee to nine members. He explained that their intent, in adding Committee members, is to add fresh voices to the group by replacing Yeulin and adding two additional members.

Urban Trails Committee Retreat

Pat proposed the idea of a half day retreat sometime this fall to in order for the Committee to sit down and work through a few issues. He asked how committee members felt about the suggestion. Their response was affirmative. Bob asked if they would like to have a facilitator to assist in the process. Again their response was affirmative. Stephanie suggested that, in the interest of engaging a good, cheap facilitator, a date and time be agreed upon so an individual could be approached. The discussion that followed covered whom should be invited and when the retreat should be held. It was decided that the ex-officio members of the Committee and Janet Terry should be invited, and that the regular November meeting date (Tuesday, November 11th) should be chosen with a 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. time frame. Pizza was suggested as the menu for a mid-meeting break. Shawn Cooper suggested the conference room at the parks office as a possible location for the retreat.

Committee Reports

Recreation Use of Canal Banks

There was nothing to report.

Subdivision Trails

Shawn described a subdivision at the end of 28 Road that has an existing trail easement on the north side that will be connected to the subdivision by a small easement between two houses. It is hoped that this trail will eventually tie into the canal bank trail and the Matchett property park.

Shawn reported that Mark Relph has asked him to work on developing the a Ridges Trail Plan. It was begun some five to six years ago, but was put on the shelf. Mark has asked for a master plan for the area and Shawn stated that he plans to involve the

Urban Trails Committee in the planning process. He said that the area was loosely defined, but would probably cover from Broadway to South Camp to Monument all the way to Colinas del Valle. The undeveloped area of the Ridges and the small in-fill areas will be the main priority. Neighborhood input will be sought to determine whether or not traditional curb and gutter with sidewalks or detached trails are desired. Shawn plans to start work on this project in the fall.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

There was nothing to report.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M..