

## URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE

October 14, 1997  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Pat Kennedy, Lenna Watson, Gerry Tucker, Jamie Lummis, Jack Scott, Cindy Burke, Shawn Cooper, Paul Teal, Jody Kliska, Kern Copland, Trent Prall, Jeanette Main-Goecke

1. 7:30 p.m. Introduction.
2. a.) Announcements:  
Pat Kennedy announced the date and time for the upcoming Urban Trails committee Retreat. The Retreat is set for November 11, 1997 at 4:00 p.m., at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building - 1340 Gunnison. Tim Sarmo will be the facilitator, and the agenda is slated to go as follows: Two hours of discussion; refreshments; then and additional two hours. Pat anticipates wrap-up by 9:00 p.m.
- b.) Urban Trail Plan Presentation - 11/25/97 Mesa County Commissioners Meeting  
Pat informed the Committee of the date change from 10/14/97 to 11/25/97, 9:00 a.m. He reviewed the issues addressed at the Mesa County Planning Commission meeting held on 9/25/97. The Urban Trails Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission with very few exceptions. One change in particular addressed the trails map and a request to designate the canal areas in red, therefore delineated them as "No Public Access."

Jack Scott discussed City Council's recent meeting with the Canal Authorities. He stated his support for the Urban Trails Committee in acquiring access for public trails on necessary canal banks.

Pat concluded the discussion with a reference to a list of names and addresses of the land owners adjacent to the canal banks. He said there is consideration of a letter to these folks that attempt to address concerns and outline the Urban Trails Committee's intentions for the proposed use of canal banks as part of the overall trail system.

Other Committee members discussed a need to publicly identify those particular canal banks targeted for public access. There was consensus that once these proposed accesses are identified and relayed to the public, it may alleviate some landowners concerns that do not own property along the canals in question.

3. **Old Business**
- a.) The report on the Urban Trail Plan hearing had been discussed previously (above).
  - b) Status of Ex-Officio member from Grand Junction City Council. Pat asked Jack Scott who would be representing the City Council as an Ex-Officio member of the Urban Trails Committee. Jack informed the Committee members that either he or Reford Theobold will attend as representatives. Pat told Jack that both he and Reford would receive copies of the minutes in the future.
4. **New Business**
- a.) As discussed by the Committee, following are objectives identified for the November 11, 1997 Retreat:
    - 1. Canal Bank Parameters
      - a) Identify specific areas
      - b) Set strategy for accomplishment
    - 2. Develop Survey of Property Owners (Along Canals)
    - 3. Before & After Statistics relating to Stripping of Bicycle Lanes
    - 4. Create a new Top Ten List
    - 5. Three Sisters Area - Future Use  
Kern Copland, property owner, discussed his concern for the future of this area. He supports recreational use, in particular -a designated trail system.
    - 6. Colinas Del Valle
    - 7. Educational Issues, i.e. Bicycle Safety
    - 8. Promotional Issues - Publicity
    - 9. Presentation to Colorado Parks and Recreation Association in November 1998.
    - 10. Time Tables and Goal Setting
    - 11. Fruita & Palisade Urban Trails Commissions
    - 12. County, BLM Representation
    - 13. Gas Pipeline Issue - Trails on Right-of-Way
    - 14. "Stinking Desert" Trail Connection
    - 15. American Heritage Trail Connection.
5. **Committee Reports**
- a.) Recreation use of canal banks. Committee previously discussed.
  - b) Subdivision trails. Paul Teal relayed his visit to the open house held on 10/9/97 for the 30 Road/Railroad Crossing Project. He shared photos he had taken at the meeting, and conceptual drawings of the project. The Committee reviewed the items and gave comments to Paul.
  - c) Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bob Cron was absent - no discussion on this topic. However, Jody Kliska discussed funding available for a Bike Map. The Commission gave Jody a few suggestions of what they would like to see included on the maps. Jody would follow-up.

6. Public Comment
  - a.) Pat reminded everyone about the Los Colonius Master Plan open house scheduled for Thursday, 10/16/97.
7. Adjournment