

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
May 12, 1998**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:30pm by Co-Chairman, Bob Cron. Those present from the Committee were:

Bob Cron	Pat Kennedy
Jamie Lummis	Bill Findlay
Lenna Watson	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Doug Cline, Shawn Cooper, Ken Simms and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Lenna motioned to approve the minutes. Jamie second. Motioned passed.

Bob added that there were five members present and there was a quorum.

Announcements

Gail Schoettler will be riding her horse through the Grand Valley, the dates are June 19th and 20th. She will be talking with all trail users during her ride. Anyone interested should go out a talk with her.

Lenna mentioned that the local horse association feels UTC should take more of an interest in them, how does UTC get involved. Suggested to forward the information onto Bernadette Fucco.

Next announcement - dedication at Island Acres on Saturday, May 16th. Entrance fees waived, dedication ceremony starts at 9am.

Bob informed the group that he would be out of town from May 14th through June 2nd.

Old Business

Ken Simms asked for help in reviewing the bike map. Would like to have changes back by Friday. Ken had a list of questions for the group.

Bob asked about bike ways. Ken said that nothing had been resolved. Bob then asked Jody if it wasn't bike routes, bike lanes and paths they had decided on. He was confused when he saw the map because it listed bike ways. Jody said they'd agreed to keep it to three.

Lenna asked for a definition of each. Lanes are striped on the pavement; bike route is signed that it's a street you can ride your bike (no striping); paths are usually off street, paved - Riverfront trails would be considered a path.

Bob recommended Jody get with Ken to work out. Jody agreed - need to keep as simple as possible.

Ken passed around a list of definitions for everyone to review. He also mentioned that he added bike trails - relates to BLM trails. He said that they still are bike paths and was wondering if they should be combined under the path designation.

Shawn said if you're going to show off road paths, there are a lot more. Was wondering if should just show access to off road biking, otherwise, you'd have to show all of them and start making it more complicated. This map is more for transportation not recreation. The recreation maps are available at the area bike shops.

Another suggestion was made to show the off road paths but don't label them.

Jody said she'd like to have the urban area enlarged. Others suggested putting information on the back and making the overview map smaller.

Ken is concerned about having ready for bike to work day. Jody suggested using the City printing office to do something in black and white of the urban areas on one side and the other side having bicycle tips, etc. whatever is agreed upon.

Bob then asked if there was a need for a Bike to Work Day map. Jamie said it wasn't necessarily a need for that day, it would be good to have available for the next day to get the word out to everyone to see what is available.

Shawn brought up using the old City bike safety brochure and using it for Bike to Work Day. It was agreed to use the safety brochure to pass out on Bike to Work Day and continue to work on the map and get a first rate product.

Bob asked if everyone was okay with Bike Lane, Bike Route and Bike Path or Trail. It was okay and worked for Ken.

The next issue brought up was mountain bike trails, how should they be handled. Decided to indicate the trailhead to mountain bike access with a brief description of each trail. If a rider wants a more detailed map, they can go to the local bike shops.

Ken asked everyone to take a map, mark it up and return to him by Friday.

Jamie suggested showing access to the Grand Mesa Slopes.

Ken also said he needed help with colors. Bob suggested that using a black dash line for trails - consistent with other maps.

Ken then asked about the size. Everyone liked a regular map size that could be folded up to fit into a pocket.

The group thanked Ken for coming.

Trails Day Events - June 5th is Bike to Work Day from 6:30am to 8am. There will be three stations, one at the Butterfly House, one near Brach's Market and one at Junior Service League Park. The Safety Committee has agreed to man the one at the Butterfly House. Will be passing out maps (if available), safety wallet cards and refreshments. Jamie has volunteered UTC to man one station for two hours. It will be in addition to the one Safety is doing. Jamie thinks they will be at Junior Service League because Brach's won't be able to do in parking lot.

Lenna suggested contacting Lewis to set up something.

Jamie thinks the Chamber will be faxing out a letter to employers to allow employees to arrive a little late. Will be asking everyone who stops at the booths who they work for and Janet Terry will send a certificate to the company.

June 6th will be done by Parks and Rec from 10am-2pm at the three different sites. There will be bicycle maintenance, a bicycle rodeo, police dogs and other activities. If anyone would like to volunteer to work on this day, Jamie hasn't volunteered anyone.

Pat asked if they asked the mayor to do a proclamation. Jamie said he didn't know much about them. Jamie will check into it.

New Business

Bob said he received from the State of Colorado a notice about Bike Month in June. He said that Gay Page the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager for CDOT offers a "Road Show". He gave the information to Lenna and asked her to get in touch with Gay to see if Safety might want to set something up.

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Other suggestions included adding the building to the one with the tree and bicycle and footprints. Co-chairs said not necessary to have building and trees.

Urban Trails Priority List - Jody said nothing new. Freshening up the stripes. Will be running an edge line on 1st Street between Orchard and Patterson where the white concrete is to keep people from moving over to avoid the speed bumps.

Public Comment

Doug said they cleaned up the Russ Hardin property off of Struthers today. 438 tires were cleared plus five 40 yard roll-offs worth of debris along the trail. (It's right at the foot of the trail just east of the butterfly house). The two houses down there have some asbestos in them, once Tim Woodmansee gets it taken out, the fire department will use as a practice burn.

The Old Mill Bridge is separating from the abutment and there is some settling on the south side. Crews have ground the concrete down to keep it somewhat level for bikers and rollerbladers. The City Engineer, Don Newton is working on resolving the situation with the contractor. The bridge seems to be okay but there will be problems.

Vandalism has slowed down. None of lights on the bridge have been broken, however, the overheads have been. Colorado Bridge and Iron are working on a prototype and it will be a couple hundred dollars per fixture. Can't get replacement parts for the fixtures, must replace into fixture. City is working on rewiring and making what's there work.

Doug will keep the group posted on the bridge separating and what Don Newton decides to do.

Shawn talked about the Los Colonias Master Plan and it appeared to be well received. Bob said he reviewed the plans and thinks it's a real "cool" plan because it fits the site and is different.

Shawn showed the new golf brochures. An added note is on Saturday there will be the worlds biggest disc golf weekend. If the City can get more people then anyone else in the country in the City's population category to participate, the City will win a nine hole golf course. The entry fee is \$12 and includes a tee-shirt and a golf disc. Will be at Canyon View Park.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.