

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
May 15, 2007**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Dennis DeVore	Kathy Herzog	Deb McCoy
Tom Kenyon	Marianne Tilden	Dennis Pretti	

Also present were Denise McGinnis, Steve Moore, Brad Taylor and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval

Dennis D./Marianne. Motion passed.

Announcements

IGA float trip has been cancel.

Need RFC members to sign up to sell t-shirts at concerts:
June 28th – Marianne/Dennis P.; July 12th – John/Kathy/Deb; August 16th – Dennis D.
/Ken

Expiring Terms: John asked Marianne/Deb/Dennis P./Ken. if they would be re-upping. Deb and Marianne said no. Dennis P./Ken said they would be re-upping.

New Business

PR – Dave would like to see the RFC push to let everyone know about GOCO grant. Reminded him that we won't know if you are asked to submit and application until after June 21st. He also stated he noticed no corporate sponsors – really need to get them on board. Need to list them as contributors for grant. Talked about whether or not it's important to have corporate sponsors now or not. Have had two articles in both papers. Really miss Dani and her connections with the media.

Group stated that they feel a need to promote RFC more. Talked about fundraising for funds for RFF. Discussed anniversary celebration and fundraising efforts and fundraising for endowment. Group felt funds should be raised on a need be basis.

Suggestion made to tie RF project with other non-profit projects. Dave wants to know when will honor trail hosts. Information meetings to happen by end of summer with Palisade, Fruita, Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction. Discussed things done in past but could do a better job.

Dennis P. asked about match % could RFC expect. Asking for 50%. Steve talked about how match is accounted for in concept paper. Discussed partnership partners and organizational structure of group.

Ken said Fruita has had 11 people apply for opening on City Council. Many don't know about RFC. Again, he wants to make sure of tie-ins with partners.

Dave said could do something with open house and have all partners there to talk to everyone at open house. Dennis D. asked what Dave is trying to achieve from this action. Dave doesn't believe group has power, spirit as in the past.

John talked about how efforts from past members were done. Group agreed need on going education.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

John asked if everyone received email for Bennett. Group said yes.

Vote on 2007 t-shirt design – Took vote, winner was #6, second place #2.

Fruita Update – Bridge is still standing but river is still rising. Have new application for repairs on north pier. Application with Corps could take six months. Steve has been helpful with other grants. Received a call from Senator Salazar's office regarding bridge and other land issues. June 16th will be Snooks Bottom dedication. July 3rd will be fireworks. Ken would like to invite RFC to 1st Tuesday in June to come talk to Fruita City Council. Added would like to do same thing with Palisade.

Dave talked about June 23rd tour of wildlife areas – will go by vans – doesn't know how many spaces available. If interested, let him know.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

UTC – Denise stated that they met with City Council. Have future meetings planned with them regarding canal banks. Have talked with mayor and he's amenable to moving canal bank trails forward.

Lower No Thoroughfare Wash – Have made some changes to plan, will be doing two bridges. County working on getting bids for bridge. Will begin work on Monument Road in June and will go through October.

Received public comment that bike lanes are really thrashed and full of debris. Suggestion made by person to go onto City website and click on “fix it”.

Partners Report – Steve said good news GOCO received 36 concert papers, down from 68 last time. Bad news, all asked for more money. Will make decision at June 21st meeting in Trinidad. Lenna is now on State Parks Board.

Palisade is still working on whitewater park – lower, more family friendly.

Video – design behind video was to make it easier to talk before service groups, schools, etc.

Ken said he will put RFC on June 4th City Council meeting.

Group wants to see 10/15 minute presentation and have a project to work towards. Want to see RFC members pick project and work on it.

Question asked about Energy Impact money.

Resolution made to get someone different to speak at concert series. Someone who can explain what RFC is trying to accomplish, complete trail connections and where want to go. Funds needed to help with goal. Dave/Deb. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Brad talked about multi-agency land swap west of Redlands Parkway between Walter Walker. He added that he would echo what Dave said. Wants to see meetings move to Palisade and Fruita. Wants to see RFC recruit new members. John said he has been trying to figure out who t recruit. Looking for suggestions.

No further public comment.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.