

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 21, 1998**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Paul Nelson at 7:30pm. Those present were:

Paul Nelson	Bill Prakken
Judy Kennedy	Kirk Rider
Pat Kennedy	Jeanette Main-Goecke
Bill Findlay	Earl Payne
Dusty Dunbar	Bennett Boeschstein
Lenna Watson	

Also present were Joe Stevens, Clayton Dause, Brad Taylor, Lynn Greene, Kelly Ferrell and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Judy said that there was a mistake on Page 1, first paragraph under **Announcements** - should read interpretative not interruptive.

Pat mentioned second paragraph under **New Business** - there was a reference to Bill Kennedy, it should read Bill Prakken.

Paul also pointed out that Kirk Rider's name was misspelled with two d's.

Motioned. Second. Motion passed.

Brad Taylor added with regard to the Safety Committee Update, "Trail hosts will warn individuals first time, second time will be given a flyer stating they are breaking the City Ordinance and third time Animal Control will be called", at no time do State Park Trail Hosts do not that. They are not asked to enforce any law. They are strictly prohibited from enforcing any laws.

Paul told Michele to add that Trail Hosts under the City jurisdiction. State Park Trail Hosts are eyes and ears.

Paul then asked all to approve the minutes as they are going to be revised. Group agreed.

## **Announcements**

The dates for the Colorado Trail Symposium will now be held a week earlier. The new dates will be October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> .

Stuart Macdonald was in town yesterday and a meeting was held (Bennett with Fruita, Jack with Palisade, the VCB, Joe Stevens, Dusty Dunbar, Paul Nelson and Michele Rohrbach were in attendance) to discuss the agenda and get some ideas. Stuart really doesn't have a lot rolling on this yet, still a long ways to go. Paul said the Riverfront Commission will be asking for help from all the partners in Legacy and the Riverfront Commission partners and they have already graciously (almost everybody) stepped forward and offered facilities and wine tastings and activities and all kinds of neat things - more than time will allow. Will be able to pick the very best of what has been offered.

Michele has agreed to help in a major way, as has Dusty. Paul stated to the group that we want to get the message across to Stuart that it's "their" State Trails Conference not ours. We're helping, we'll provide a lot of the trim around the edges but it's their conference to stage and we're not going to do that for them.

Bill asked if anyone in the group has been to a State Trails Symposium. Bennett stated he has been to quite a few of them and that he helped on the last one in Grand Junction.

Pat stated that Lenna Watson went to the one last year. Paul said she'd be here later. Pat then asked what the dates were again. Paul said Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - just part of the day.

Paul believes there is an opportunity, gorgeous place to have it and really interesting topics to discuss and with the sharing of ideas every other year, important chance to discuss as trails matures then what do you do.

Paul said Bill Chenoweth isn't here to update on the Old Spanish Trail - will go onto next order of business and come back to him when he arrives.

Bill mentioned that the Riverfront Commission heard from State Trails on Friday and that our grant application for \$74,000 has been approved to the tune of \$59,000. More than he was expecting, that means we now have \$59,000 to spend on the Jarvis property trail connecting from just east of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street bridge where trail is stubbed off, under the highway bridge, under the railroad bridge and on around the dike that will be constructed this summer, to approximately to the point where road makes its elbow (Paul showed on the map on the wall). Bill reminded everyone from earlier meetings that the City has indicated that a temporary basis they will put down a black top trail from here over to Riverside (several of us went down there a few months ago to see what would be an appropriate temporary route), once the traffic system and the roads get constructed for the

Riverside area and here (using map on the wall) then it will be appropriate to put in a permanent trail from here to here (pointed out on the map). With the temporary trail, it will hook us up so you will be able to go all the way across and up to the pedestrian bridge.

Thinks the \$74,000 is still a fairly accurate figure of what it's going to cost based on discussions that Bob Cron had with Ted Ciavonne the other day. Ted suggested not trying to run the trail up on the dike but rather run it along the river bank, recognizing that there will be years it will flood (it will be above the 50 year flood mark). There would be an alternate route that you could take if that trail was under water - you would come up 7<sup>th</sup> and come under the viaduct and around (again he used the map to diagram) people would still be able to get from one point to the other without having to cross 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Judy asked about the easement under the railroad bridge. Bill and Paul said as far as they know, the City does indeed have the easement needed from the railroad.

Bill said that the Riverfront Commission is \$15,000 shy of what will be needed to complete the trail. He said that there is some need for urgency because construction is going forward in August. He had a thought and wanted to know how the Commission feels about it, the Foundation has at least \$10,000 from El Pomar. Bill's thought was to go to the City and say, "Okay, we need \$15,000, we'll come up with \$7,500, how about you guys coming up with the other \$7,500".

Pat asked if the El Pomar money was in unrestricted funds, Bill said yes. Paul said it just has to be spent in the state of Colorado.

Dusty needed clarification - use the money from El Pomar as a match.

Bill couldn't remember how much the Foundation has in unrestricted funds, there is more than \$10,000, just not a lot more than that amount.

Judy asked about the Hutchins match at the last Foundation meeting, did that take away the El Pomar \$10,000. Bill said no.

Bill said if there is a consensus on that, why don't we communicate that to City and offer them a challenge grant.

Joe said he thinks it might be premature to do that, there is \$59,000 and the difference is about 2,750 linear feet of 12 foot of trail. He said if it's going to be done in August, it might be better to wait until the bids come in rather than just ballpark a number at this point in time - the bid may be different than anticipated.

Bill asked when the bids will be coming in. Joe said they are at the mercy of State Trails right now with regards to contracts. Contracts should be coming out in the next four to six weeks per the State's letter.

Earl said he agrees with Joe. He said that there is some money budgeted for this year to finish unfinished part of the trail even from Riverside over to east of 5<sup>th</sup> Street (that was what Council was looking at), he can't remember the figure budgeted but there may be some money left over. Council is anxious (have been convinced that) to finish and make the trail continuous.

Joe added that the asphalt will help out on a temporary basis and where that ties in, may want to go a little further. The other factor is, who the City will hire to do the design work. Based on what is in the document, will probably look at Ciavonne and Associates to help with that since have a leg up on the process.

Bill asked if the Grand Valley Music Festival had been discussed at the last meeting. Paul said it happened right after the last meeting.

Bill explained that Jim Robb asked Bill, Paul and Michele to a meet with him (Jim Robb) and Jerry Quinn shortly after the last monthly Riverfront Commission meeting because they wanted to talk about some breaking news. Jerry and Jim are trustees of the Ruth Hutchins Charitable Lead Trust. An idea has been hatched that is similar to what has been done in Glencove, Long Island and it's to give something back to the community by sponsoring free outdoor concert or series of concerts in the summertime. They've been doing this in Long Island for over 30 years - now has a huge attendance at these concerts.

Dusty said it's "Ruthstock".

Jim and Jerry have decided to do the same sort of thing here in Mesa County. Would like to do is using the Riverfront Foundation as kind of the conduit for it. They are not interested in any credit or publicity for Ruth Hutchins or the Ruth Hutchins Trust. They prefer that be downplayed. They propose to start sponsoring a series of free outdoor concerts that will be focused along the river - primarily in the Fruita area to begin with. They have hired Rex and Genice Matzke from St. Louis, both are highly educated in the music field. Genice is the band director at Junction High School. Rex is freelancing (Bill thinks) as a promoter. They both are very well connected.

It was started off with \$40,000 which is in a new account under the Grand Valley Music Festival for the Foundation.

There was a special meeting of the Riverfront Foundation a couple of weeks ago to float this idea and get the approval of the Foundation board, which was forthcoming.

There have been four concerts scheduled for this summer, June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>. June 6<sup>th</sup> is a sax quartet, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Empire Brass Band, July 4<sup>th</sup>, a local wind ensemble (hoping to do with the Fruita fireworks display) and on July 18<sup>th</sup>, a jazz group from St. Louis. Money appears to be a small obstacle. In addition to setting up the \$40,000 bank account to cover costs incurred, they have given the Foundation \$40,000 to

be placed in the Foundation's perpetual trust and an additional \$40,000 to go into the perpetual trust with the conditions that it be matched sometime within the next 18 months by other funds by other sources. What Jim Robb is saying, think big, this is something that could grow very large, both in terms of funding for the Foundation's perpetual trust and also the event itself. He envisions a several million dollar perpetual trust that would spin off a lot of income that could then be used for various projects. Bill thinks the group can put together a lot of effort to trying to add to that.

Bill Findlay asked if they would be concerts along the trail. Bill answered that the hope had been to be able to do it in the new Colorado State Park site in Fruita. There were several people who went and looked at the site and it's just not going to be ready in time. So the plan is to do it at Civic Center Park in Fruita or Reed Park.

Michele said that those were alternatives discussed at the meeting and nothing is definite. Brian Mahoney hasn't discussed them with Jim Robb yet.

Kirk asked if "we're" expected to be the apple of the Charitable Lead Trust's eye. Bill isn't sure, however, the impression he is getting is the Trust looks with great favor on the activities along the riverfront and the riverfront trail.

Pat asked for clarification on the definition of a charitable lead trust, that's where donations are made to the charitable organization over a period of time and then the corpus goes back to the family.

Kirk added that the trust has to distribute minimum amounts every year.

Pat then asked about the distribution cycle. Kirk said it depended on the way the trust was drafted. Seven years is pretty much the minimum time for them to work but they can go as long as 15 or 20 years - which is more beneficial to the rest of the family. Bill added that it sounded like this trust could go 18 to 20 years.

Dusty then asked if the Riverfront Commission is expected to get hot on the fund raising or it is the Foundation. Bill said it's the Foundation's job not technically the Commissions.

Kirk asked if the Matzkes have been hired on a permanent basis. Michele said Jim Robb said that there is a loosely draw up contract that they can leave or they can be dismissed with 30 days notice.

Bill added that Michele will pick up some duties with this but that they are not looking to the Commission to do a lot of the work. They want it to be Riverfront Foundation umbrella over the thing.

Jeanette added that the Botanical Society was the recipient of \$5,000 last week from the Hutchins trust for maintenance of the library that Mrs. Hutchins daughter had donated to the Botanical Society. It was a botanical library.

Jim Robb wants to keep things low key for the trust.

Pat asked about a concert shell. Jeanette said that Westwater Engineering is looking the wetland areas on the other side between Botanical Society's building and the riverfront trail and then that area just before you go over to Watson Island. They received a \$6,500 grant to do some studies on wetlands and maybe some trail systems or whatever. What could be done in one of the areas that he is looking at is have an amphitheater with natural grasses.

Joe added that Los Colinas has an amphitheater in it. Doesn't see Jeanette's as a duplication, the difficult part with an amphitheater of any size is parking requirements. The one in Los Colinas can be expanded.

Bill added that ultimately there are going to be a number of sites up and down the riverfront that would be lovely places. Could be done at Corn Lake or Connected Lakes. It just getting off the ground, it's a gift back to the community.

Pat said he was trying to figure out a way that we can make a free concert a fund raiser for the Riverfront Foundation. Ask if that it is to bolster memberships in the Foundation, is that how it will be approached.

Bill said we will have to be careful about how far we stick our hands out at these things because really want it to be a free concert.

Pat then asked if it was to raise the profile of the Foundation. Bill seems to think so.

Bill Findlay believes it will attract many different groups of people.

Pat said hopefully finding another benefactor similar to Ruth.

Bill asked if anyone in the group has Riverfront Commission slides. Missing the ones on Watson Island and the ones of Blue Heron II.

They were used for the Legacy presentation a year and a half ago. Bob Cron and Jon Schler had them. Michele will talk to Jon Schler about what is missing.

If anyone knows about them, please get them back to the Riverfront office.

Kirk brought the discussion back to the free concerts. He gave Michele the name of Doug Mois who is a pop promoter, has booked Bonnie Raitt, Jimmy Buffett, etc. Kirk thinks he would love to help do something like this for the Riverfront. Kirk thinks Doug

could get some wonderful name acts. Kirk believes that different types of group would draw more people.

Paul said as years go by, the taste of the people in the Valley will become apparent and they will know better what goes over and what won't.

Bill said we will want to defer to the preferences of the trustees.

Bill stated that he participated in the dedication of the new interpretative sign at Palisade. Told everyone to go take a look at the new things going on.

Michele reminded the group that another sign will be dedicated on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the top of the Old Mill Bridge.

Kids really are doing a great job on the signs.

Dusty added that the Palisade sign was vandalized shortly after it was dedicated.

Jeanette informed the group of some vandalism they've had at the greenhouse building. Someone smashed a rock into the front door. The insurance deductible is \$500 and fixing the door is right under \$500. It happened on the Saturday night before Easter. They got through the door which had to be hit several times with a big rock in order to get through the two panes of safety glass. They got in and tried to get into the cash register, no money is kept on sight. The police were there within three minutes.

Joe suggested if no money kept on sight to leave the drawer open. Jeanette said they do, however, the thief couldn't see there wasn't any money in the drawer.

Paul made the suggestion of putting a sign on the door that no cash in kept on premises. Jeanette said the Trophy Case is making a sign that states that.

The gentleman two doors over who owns a small house, used for storage, said that several of his windows were broken.

Bill said that several of the overhead lights on the Old Mill Bridge have been broken now that the guards have been installed over the lights on the bridge.

Paul added he got a call from Doug Cline tonight that almost all of the overhead lights have been broken. There are no spare parts for these overhead fixtures, new fixtures must be purchased at \$800 each. The City is going to rewire the lights so they can put the bulbs back in and will be putting the same guard on the bridge lights to the overhead lights.

Bill said it's very disappointing that there isn't much that can be done.

Paul added that since there is much going on around there it may be years before the problem is stopped. Once the fixtures and bridge lights are all covered with guards, the vandalism will just move to someplace else.

Paul thanked Doug for calling him and thanked Earl for all the help that the City gives the Riverfront.

Paul asked if there was anymore new business.

Judy said the County has made an overwhelming effort, they really extended themselves to make Orchard Mesa Irrigation District happy. In fact, they did our work for us and created and filed all the deeds, so everyone is happy and there shouldn't be no more problems with our beginning of the Old Spanish Trail which crossed Orchard Mesa irrigation ditch.

Judy said that the folks from Delta are planning on bringing the trail this directions, she is in contact with them and knows we are not planning on doing any expansion out there now, but keep our eye on it, sometime we might.

Paul said that Doug Cline mentioned to him today, we have that new put-in/take-out point there in Whitewater and Carlos was looking for some material out there and the City donated old asphalt to use for a parking area. Doug said that they started hauling it out there today, so it will be ready for the dedication ceremony on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dusty asked if they were working on making the take-out easier. Paul answered don't know, they only talked about the asphalt. Pretty neat because from there it's BLM clear to Delta County (almost to the town of Delta).

Paul asked again if there was any new business or comments or announcements.

### **Old Business**

Bill Chenoweth still hadn't shown up to talked about the grant. Will asked him to talk about it when he is at next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update - Bennett said that they had also got a State Trails grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the Old Fruita Bridge. He thanked the Riverfront Commission for their support. It helped having the Riverfront Commission at the meeting and Bob Cron. They also had a middle school teacher and one of her students that have adopted that project for the Fruita Middle School do a presentation. They also had a model of the bridge that was built by the CSU students used as a display. He believes that they have all the money they need. \$100,000 from the Colorado Historical Society, \$50,000 from GOCO Legacy, \$60,000 from State Trails and \$25,000 from the City of Fruita. Should be able to do the



trail from the dinosaur museum across the old Fruita bridge to Dinosaur Hill. Will be able to walk to an actual paleo sight from the museum. Hoping to get started soon.

The Fat Tire Festival is this weekend, expect at least 1,000 mountain bikers in Fruita. Getting a lot of publicity, hopefully the weather will be good. Already showing up.

The Little Salt Wash project, have that endangered parcel on 18 Road - beautiful pasture and wetlands on Little Salt Wash, 23 acre parcel. A developer had a contract on it for a subdivision, Bob Cron had that emergency grant he put together through GOCO Legacy. Bennett said that Lise told Bob if Fruita wait until May, they will probably get the full amount requested, but if they wanted it earlier, they would only get half. Bob told her they would wait until May. The developer's contract has expired and Bennett may be able to step in there with an offer, will try to get City Council Tuesday night to put in an offer contingent upon getting the GOCO grant and can only pay the appraised value.

The State Park in Fruita - Brad Taylor said that there really isn't anything new that has changed in the last month other than they are considering a design for a music type festival event in there. There have been some discussions with additional property out there, appraisals should be done by the end of this month. Have met with the campground owner across the street to work out any problems that there might be with their perception of another campground across the street. Hoping to break ground this year, still a lot of things going on.

The refinery deal with the County is progressing. There was an agreement of some type signed, however, Bennett hasn't seen it. Thinks it's about 100 acres or more along the Colorado River that would be dedicated to the County and then to State Parks.

Kirk did really good work on the John Mansville deal. There will be a strip of 50 feet to connect the trail along the river, it's a fee title which will be to Mesa County which in turn will be State Parks.

Bill asked if the refinery thing comes together will it complete the trail. Bennett said, no there are missing links. One is United Sand & Gravel, another is a parcel that John Mansville and Pabco used to own which is a wetland and a lake. Moving towards Fruita there are a few other links that need to be put together.

Have had discussions with United Sand & Gravel, it isn't a missing link.

Kirk added that there aren't any missing links but Fruita didn't get the pond. They did get the 50' along side the pond. Kirk said not to give up on it because Mansville is most worried about annexation, thinks when they claim down about that, they may see it's really in their interest to get rid of as much of that property that's not useful or income producing. It could be a liability problem that they may not be willing to take on.

Pat asked if there was anything on the Brownsfield application. Bennett said no, it's still cooking, it was revised and resubmitted in March. Should hear by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bennett then went on to explain what Brownsfield is. It is an EPA program that came out of the Superfund - it's kind of a new approach the EPA is taking towards polluted industrial sites around the country. Basically they give out grants to local communities to go into a polluted site (not horribly polluted but badly polluted) and assess the amount of pollution on the site, come up with a plan for remediating some or all of that pollution. Some places there has been only 80% remediation and other 100% and some only 50%. They develop a plan to reuse the site so the site it's not surrounded by a chain link fence and weeds. It's reused into a productive economic use. This pertains to the refinery site and all three owners and whoever else might be there.

Fruita Middle School has been really active with the riverfront in Fruita. The middle school has a little outdoor classroom on Little Salt Wash and they came to City Council this week and asked for permission to do some more stuff.

Palisade Update - Jack wasn't here. Bill reported that the bridge is in and the recent interpretative sign was in for awhile. He encouraged people to get out there ahead of next months meeting to take a look at it. They've really done a lot, wasn't aware of how much progress had been made with it.

Urban Trails Committee - Pat stated that they welcomed Bill Findlay to the committee. The biggest thing looked at by UTC last week was the artist's conception of what's going on in Colinas del Vallas, the new golf course. The development is being called Redlands Mesa. The exciting thing about this development is that the developers are really looking to maintain some of the trail loop in that area. Naturally will lose quite a bit of it with the golf course, area behind Shadow Lake and to the west and a little to the north, kind of goes around the back of the Ridges. What they are looking to do is create a boulevard loop that goes through that area. Looking to do detached bicycle paths along the boulevard. Along the ridge line from Painted Bowl, there is a new piece of single track and they have delineated that on the map indicating a natural trail, will leave it pretty much the way it is. The developers are from Aspen and are mountain bikers and skiers and see it as an amenity to their project.

Kathy Portner with Community Planning has asked for three access points into this particular project for trails. One would be the Red Canyon area - adjacent to Dave Fletcher's property; one would be Mariposa Drive, there would be an access out of it at that point; the Painted Bowl area - which should take you down to Monument Road; and then the north end that would take you over to the water tanks and to 23 Road.

There still isn't a go on the golf course. They are doing some number crunching and see if they can make it happen.

The next subject is the Dave Fletcher property being platted at the County level - trying to keep the integrity of that trail loop onto Fletcher's property. Fletcher is not being cooperative, not sure why. It may be time to start lobbying on a positive note with Mr. Fletcher. The area looking at, Tim Woodmansee foreseeable sees a switch back trail coming down off of the bluff on the golf course area down to Fletcher's property. Having a trail connection into his area that would take you out to Monument Road and also back into the rest of Colinas del Valle.

Pat spoke with Richard Goecke at the County, let him know that UTC is looking at this area, Richard is responsible for the planning with the County on that particular piece of property. There is a meeting on Thursday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 750 Main, that's the time for community comments. Pat will be there, Bob won't, if anyone else could make it to the meeting it would be nice.

Question was asked if anyone knew Fletcher and could talk with him. Paul said he would. The other developments are embracing the trails so it may be to his benefit to include in his development.

One other thing Tim Woodmansee brought up is that there is a 35 acre tract of BLM land in Colinas del Valle - it could easily become land locked if there isn't some sort of trail system to get in and out of that. Not sure what the status of this tract is, trying to have included in the Lunch Loop property deal.

Bill asked if there has been any more progress on the Lunch Loop transfer to the City. Pat said he had been working with Lynda Boody on that, it currently is bogged down in public comments, it's tied up in the Bangs Canyon situation. Trying to carve out the 1,200 acres, it really isn't pertinent to the Wilderness Study, it's already urbanized and has the impact.

One thing that they did come up with, there is a major thoroughfare (Lunch Loop) that they do want to leave as motorized trail.

Bill Findlay asked about the "White Paper". Pat said there are three things they will be coming out with, one is a "White Paper" that consolidates the feasibility study into two pages, something to present to people and show Urban Trails position on the situation with the canals, it's a positive paper. Second is a letter to the landowners in response to what the four canal companies have sent to the various landowners along the irrigation canals, it will be in the waiting if they need to send it out. Lastly, put together a prototype of an operating plan for canal bank usages, who's responsible, who's liable, hours of operation, who takes care of this and that. It's just to show the canal companies that UTC has a plan.

Legacy Update - Pat read Bob's Legacy Update. Both Houses of the State Legislature passed and the Governor has signed a bill reauthorizing the lottery for ten years. Plan to

work with GOCO staff on methodology, procedures and process to reauthorize the existing Legacy projects.

Jarvis fish habitat revegetation project agreement being reviewed by the solicitor, otherwise all is ready to go.

Mentioned the \$59,000 from State Trails. Ted Ciavonne is designing the project and developing a plat for the Core of Engineers permits, easements under the railroad and Highway 50.

Dedicated two more interpretative signs, one in Palisade and one at Watson Island.

Vandalism continues on the Old Mill Bridge.

Pat added he didn't have any information on it, however, Hidden Lakes property was sold to a private party who plans a single family residence on the 15 acre property. Paul added it sold for \$125,000.

Bill said not to count on it being a done deal. Can't imagine getting a building permit on something being built in the flood plan.

Department of Wildlife received offers for three riverfront properties in response to their RFP. Team including Bob Cron visited and prioritized the three. Next step is appraisal and the negotiation to purchase.

Bridge delivered to Palisade.

Request submitted for reimbursement for 1997/1998 Legacy expenses.

Eagle Rim Master Plan underway. Construction of first phase is this summer and fall.

Joe Stevens said interviewing consultants on Monday, 4/27 at 8am, asked if Paul will be there. Paul will be out of town. Joe said he would like a representative from the Riverfront there. Pat will try to attend. It will be at Parks office.

Safety Committee Update - Lenna gave Paul and Bill two names for possible Commission members.

Sgt. Frye was at the last safety meeting. The new thing is that there will be having six additional officers patrol the downtown section to clean up downtown. He said the problem will move towards the riverfront trails. This may be a point where trail hosts acting as officers as opposed to trail hosts. Warned everyone there may be more conflicts on the riverfront.

Pat asked if he had any solutions. Lenna said that Sgt. Frye said to make the trail hosts aware of the problems and to report as they can any problems, use 911 and the phones available.

Pat restated that Brad Taylor with State Parks said earlier that their trails hosts **do not enforce laws** at all.

Next problem is dogs off leashes. Fred with State Parks said they do not confront people. Animal Control will do unscheduled visits down on the trails. Called Sgt. Yaws with the K-9 unit about doing some kind of public education. Hoping to have something in the paper using Animal Control and Lenna's dog, Molly.

National Trails Day and Trails Map Committee Update - Judy said the trails committee is having a meeting Thursday. Still looking for a tent, Earl suggested Judy contact Elam Construction. The Foundation has agreed to pay for a bus. Looking at a couple of small grants, hopefully to get some money to do this things, one is from VCB and one is from Assets for Youth. Also are the recipient from Colorado Lottery of paper products for the picnic, also banners and also schedules.

Pat asked about the lunches. Judy said they will be box lunches with a sandwich, fruit, chips, maybe a cookie. Michele and Judy will bring drinks. Working with Pat and his partner Steve and getting some box lunches.

Lenna said Sgt. Yaws would like to do something for trails day. Michele said she has left a message. Sgt. Yaws would like to do demonstration on Saturday with the K-9 unit.

Trail maps - there is a little problem, GIS with the County has made up the maps, Pyramid is doing the printing for City Market - computers won't talk to each other. They are working on that problem. Also losing a lot of resolution when doing in color, working on fixing. Still no date of when they will be ready.

### **Public Comment**

Lynn Greene with Jr. Service League introduced Kelly Ferrell. Kelly will be the new chair for Jr. Service League for next year. She will now be coming to the meetings with her assistant. Kelly works at Black Design.

Jeanette said the Botanical Gardens received a \$20,000 grant from the King Foundation in Denver. It's to be used to build the children's classroom area on the east side of the building.

Bill Findlay thanked the Gardens for staying open until 7:30pm during "Turn off your TV" week.

Next Wednesday, they will have 500 preschool children using the Watson Island Trail with the Kiwanis Safety Days . Will have displays regarding safety.

Brad added that Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, will be an open house at Island Acres. It will be an open park, “free” day, will have community events.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.