

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
September 15, 1998**

Call to Order

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

Paul Nelson	John Heideman
Pat Kennedy	Mark Gardener
Bill Findlay	Paul Jones
Dusty Dunbar	Russ Walker
Judy Kennedy	Jack Yates
Lenna Watson	Jim Baughman

Also present were Pete Hautzinger, Brad Taylor, Joe Stevens, Elvis Guin, Jody Kliska, Catherine Robertson, Bob Cron, Jamie Lummis, Kurt Mill, Cheryl Lutz - Jr. Service League, Carrie McVain - Jr. Service League and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Bill motioned to approve the minutes, Russ second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Paul reminded everyone about the Urban Trails picnic on September 23rd. Jamie added that everyone was invited to Hawthorne Park at 6pm to help celebrate UTC 3rd anniversary and successes.

Trail Symposium in October needs sponsors for morning and afternoon breaks, cost is approximately \$750 per break. Contact Paul or Michele if interested.

Michele will be out of the office September 30th through October 7th for vacation.

Pete Hautzinger, candidate for State Senate spoke briefly. Ron Teck will be at the October meeting.

Lunch at Mesa State College on Friday, September 18th at 12 noon in the Fletcher Room with regard to the Old Spanish Trail to become a part of the National Park Systems.

Interested individuals will pay for their own lunch at \$8.50 per person. Let Michele know.

Old Business

Bill asked on the status of the Water Park in Palisade. To date no communication has been received. John said that there will be meeting on October 7th with Gary Lacy at 5pm at the Price Stubbs roller dam with a slide show presentation to follow.

Judy updated the group about Brian Stark, the cross country runner on the American Discovery Trail. He is currently in Utah and headed for Nevada.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Paul asked the group how they would feel about a forum on water crafts on the Colorado River/Gunnison River. Members felt it was a good idea to sponsor the forum. All users would be invited to attend, motorized and non-motorized users. Thought winter would be a good time to schedule. Dusty made motion to hold forum, Russ seconded. Motion passed.

Discussed idea of a field trip to the riverfront projects instead of retreat. Group liked the idea. Would do in spring rather than January.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Kirk said still working on the land deal, moving forward on the construction plans. Hope to go to bid this fall so can start construction in the spring. Things are moving along well.

Dusty added the bridge has had the planking removed and the abutments have been exposed for structural work. Should be replanked sometime in the fall. Still working on the right away issues.

Palisade Update - Closed on the Francis property (consists of 14 acres in the river and 12 acres north of the river). Fishing is Fun Grant money should be ready in early November. Jack said the Colorado Division of Wildlife informed him they will not stock the pond with anything other than Rainbow Trout until they determine what kind of screen to place in the pond. Planning on applying for a trails grant for the Peach Bowl and some other things regarding the new park. Will be directing attention to more neighborhood parks.

Urban Trails Committee - Jamie informed the group that UTC members will be rotating each meeting. Recently had a good meeting with Pete Baier with the County. Pete was encouraged to have a County person attend each UTC monthly meeting, appears that they

will be doing that. Will be applying for a trails grant for a planning project with regard to Monument Road from Broadway at Brach's Market up to South Camp and continuing on into the National Monument. County was supportive of the idea.

Working with the developers on the Redlands Mesa project, will be meeting with engineering firm.

Group has agreed upon a logo for UTC, logo was designed by Shawn Cooper with the City Parks and Rec department.

Reminded everyone to attend the picnic on Wednesday and that they are looking for two new members.

Legacy Update - Bob told the new members that they would like to get an orientation together for them as soon as possible.

Mentioned should know soon if Legacy will be reauthorized. It is a three year grant for \$4.5 million matched by about \$11 million on the private side, government side. Will expire on July 1, 1999. Currently the board is planning to redo strategic plan and will be holding a public meeting in October.

Work being done on Jarvis property. New dike is nearly completed and working on shaping the pond. Carl Zimmerman is hoping to start on the revegetation soon. There will be a concrete trail on the dike and under the railroad and under the 5th Street bridge. Still waiting on final costs. One change is the City wants to use the concrete trail to drive sewage maintenance trucks on - concrete will be 6" instead of 4" - meaning more cost than originally figured, still working out who will pay for the additional cost. Project may not be completed until spring. City has agreed to provide a temporary trail to Riverside.

Old Mill Bridge - trail down from Eagle Rim is cracking and settling. The City is bringing in a geo tech consultant to determine what needs to be done.

Eagle Rim - the City is working on the final master plan. There is money for Phase I in the near future, but not for Phase II.

DOW is working on an acquisition for their request for proposals. The appraisals are done and working with the top priority. Hope to hear soon.

Safety Committee Update - Lenna said that Carlos with BLM has replaced the signs on the river before the fish ladder at Redlands Boat Take-Out. Safety took a tour of Island Acre at last meeting. A new sign needs to be put up at Botanic Gardens, they currently have an old sign.

Goal for Safety is to get GPS markers so 911 knows where emergency vehicles can access trails.

Lenna has 911 stickers available if anyone would like one.

Colorado State Trails Symposium - Dusty said she needs volunteers, interested people need to let her know if they can help. Would like Riverfront Commissioners, City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita and Town of Palisade available with maps and information for attendees during breaks. Looking for donations for the silent auction and sponsors for breaks and conference rooms for training sessions on Sunday.

Public Comment

Paul told everyone about the group of reporters from Montenegro arriving tomorrow for a tour of the riverfront project.

Added that he was pleased the Botanic Gardens allowed RFC to hold meeting at their site.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.