

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
October 20, 1998**

Call to Order

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

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

Also present were Ron Teck, Bill Prakken, Brad Taylor, Don Hobbs, Elvis Guin, Bob Cron, Jamie Lummis, Kurt Mill, Clayton Dause, Marian Atkins, Carrie McVein-Waring - Jr. Service League, John Paxson and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Judy motioned to approve the minutes, Paul second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Paul awarded Bill Prakken a polish river rock and thanked Bill for all of his contributions to the Riverfront Commission. Bill will be greatly missed.

Bill commented that he really enjoyed being a part of the Riverfront Commission. He added that the Foundation is going forward with the promissory note for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson in the amount of \$81,100 - should close sometime at the end of the month. Brian Mahoney informed Bill that the Lions Club is looking for applicants for their Lions Club Grant - to date they've only received four applications. Application must be in by October 30th.

Paul added that RFC has received a grant application from Jr. Service League.

Safety Committee - Lenna asked to be moved up so she can attend another function. She reminded everyone about the GIS markers on the Audobon, Blue Heron and Colorado State Park trails and safety decided to expand it for rescue vehicle access. She has gotten

with the Fire Department and is waiting to hear what they think. Brad with State Parks said that he didn't think it was necessary because emergency vehicles will make access wherever they need it.

Lenna added that if anyone would like to be on the Safety Committee to let her know or if they have anything safety could/should address.

Ron Teck, candidate for State Senate spoke briefly.

Dusty updated the group on the Trail Symposium's success. She thanked everyone for their hard work in making things happen. Stuart Macdonald with State Trails heard rave reviews from the attendees.

John Heideman informed the group about Gary Lacy and his work on white water parks. He passed around pictures of what Gary has done. Gary gave John a four step plan of how to include the fish ladder and water park. John isn't sure what is next, thinks it must go to Bureau of Reclamation. He then detailed some of the areas that Gary thought would work with minimal structures placed in the water.

Bill Findlay added that spectators should be considered in the planning since so many people like to watch.

Pat asked who would take over the management, Kurt said it would be the respective agency. It is something that they are looking into.

Paul said it would be something to discuss at the lunch meeting next Wednesday.

Bob and Kurt suggested monitoring the project with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Old Business

Forum on river use - Paul is currently trying to get the people who will plan this forum together. Several of the individuals are out of town. Riverfront Commission will be the sponsor.

Don Hobbs informed the group about some problems down on Watson Island. Major problem is certain sections of the trail sinks and buckles because of the soil. Looking at alternatives of removing concrete sections of trail and replacing with recycled asphalt or hard packed gravel. Will be a problem for roller bladers. Talked about posting signs on the trail to warn bladers of change in surface.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Brad Taylor spoke about a self sustaining project with regard to new committee members. Adopt a Trail was discussed for community groups with a responsible individual to oversee the group. Possibly setting up a clearing house to direct groups to trails needing clean up.

Don Hobbs said City has a problem with “one” time groups that have no experience, also projects not needing heavy equipment or City staff to oversee. Brad said same problem because he wants to give groups meaningful projects but still have to turn them down.

Elvis said at the symposium, Steamboat Springs mentioned that they have organized their Youth Corp into two groups, one for urban areas (mostly younger kids) and one for backcountry (usually older teens) both operate in summer.

John brought up the idea of an organized club that had adult supervision and a group of volunteers that are knowledgeable. Brad said he would be in favor of a club. Don said it sounded like a good idea.

Paul suggested setting up a group similar to the Volunteer Trail Host Program since that program is such a success. Paul wants to meet with Lenna, John, Brad and City to investigate this idea.

Judy brought up Intergovernmental meetings - wanted to know when there would be another meeting. Michele called Catherine, however, she is out of the office for three weeks. Marian Atkins replaced Lynda and she wasn't sure what Judy was talking about. Marian will talk with Catherine and then schedule a date with Michele.

Pat invited Marian to the orientation meeting on Saturday. She won't be able to attend.

Bob brought up retreat - currently planning field trip. Group decided at last meeting to discuss what field trip would focus on. Group decided to focus on possibilities to connect the trails from Palisade to Fruita. Segment suggestions made segments for Corn Lake to Palisade; Jr. Service League to Fruita; 30 Road to 27 ½ Road and Fruita to Kokopelli. Bob suggested a review with each agency involved and status on each segment. Will have to go to strategic places to see - prep work will need to be done in advance. Things can set up for February or March. Will discuss further in November.

Bob added group should be deciding what they want to submit for Lions Club grant. Judy said she would like to try getting so money for signage on the Old Spanish Trail from Whitewater to Mesa County line. Would take minimal amount of shovel work and some fencing to keep people off the private property. Judy also added she'd like to get signage for the American Discovery Trail. Parts of the trail seem to disappear and vague about how/where you get to the trail. Would like to have signs stating the riverfront is part of the American Discovery Trail.

Bob suggested that Judy also apply for the Jr. Service League grant application. Carrie (Jr. Service League) thought if the signs were of an educational nature, it would be considered. Bob explained that it would be better to do a few interpretative signs along the trail but that the signs needed are for marking the trail.

Dusty asked if the Lions Club grant could be used for acquisition. Bob said the only property identified for acquisition is Snooks Bottom in Fruita.

Group discussed submitting grant applications for Jarvis, Old Spanish Trail and Snooks Bottom. Dusty motioned to send all three proposals to the Lions. Mark second. Motion passed.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Dusty talked about Bob attending Fruita's traffic calming meetings and their work on the bicycle corridor. Identifying in town bike routes and establishing corridors, linking to the riverfront and rural bike routes. Bridge project is moving along. Abutments have been pulled off the bridge and working on encasing the steel. May have a sealing effort in the spring. Public Service access still in the works. Hoping to have ready by February or March.

Palisade Update - Jack wasn't here.

Urban Trails Committee - Jack Paxson updated the group on the Renaissance Subdivision going before the City (Paul informed everyone that it was pulled and will go before the City in November). UTC reviewed the Redlands Mesa project and made recommendations to the developers. The picnic was a success, even though the media didn't attend. Currently have two openings and have received eight great applicants. Also told about the plans in progress for 24 Road between Patterson and Canyon View.

Legacy Update - Bob said Jarvis fish habitat and reveg project that the structural part is done. The dike is in place and the pond is shaped. The breach is in the old dike and there is an access way to the bridge for the pumps for the watering of the vegetation. Bob thinks the dike has been sprayed with mulch. If time permits, dormant seeds for the various species will be done over time this winter and plantings in the spring.

Not sure of the status on the plans for the trail. The extra concrete will only be needed at crossings.

Dinosaur Hill - new parking lot is in place. Believes there will be a kiosk.

Nothing new to report on the state park.

Botanic Gardens parking lot is done and Jeanette may be home in a few weeks.

Updated everyone about the public meetings with GOCO. Bob expressed his opinions and suggested that they identify successful Legacy projects (measurement of 80 to 90% done) and revisit those projects since most didn't receive all the funding originally requested. GOCO could reauthorize the projects for the funds needed.

Audobon Society has recently met with Bob and are interested in being a part of the next round of Legacy. Looking for educational opportunities.

Bob reminded everyone attending the new member orientation meeting to meet with him briefly after the meeting.

Safety Committee Update - updated earlier in the evening.

Public Comment

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm