

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 1999**

Call to Order

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

Paul Nelson	Judy Kennedy
Pat Kennedy	Mark Gardener
Paul Jones	
Russ Walker	

Also present were Bob Cron, Joe Stevens, Clayton Dause, Elvis Guin, Fred Bohlmann, Carl Zimmerman, Cliff Davidson and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Quorum wasn't present (only five members at start of meeting) to approve the minutes.

Announcements

Retreat is Saturday March 13th. Group will be going out in the field to look at what has been done and what needs to be done.

Bob asked everyone how much time they wanted to spend. Appears 9am to 3pm is fair amount of time. He then asked everyone what their priorities were. Sites discussed - Fruita - 24 Road (3 stops); Lower Gunnison (1 stop); 32 Road - Palisade (2 stops). Everyone is to bring a sack lunch. Group will eat along the way.

Bob reminded everyone to wear clothes that they don't mind getting dirty, will be crawling under a fence. Also, wear comfortable walking shoes.

Chairperson for Safety Committee - Paul stated that Lenna has been asked to be replaced on the chairperson of Safety. Group only meets quarterly. There was no interest by members present. Paul will call those members not present to see if they might be interested. Next meeting is April 1st, noon at the CD Smith Building.

Mesa County Land Conservancy will be holding a series of workshops. Paul passed around their flyer so members could write down times, dates and places.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Cliff Davidson with the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization - Cliff said their new name is RTPO (Regional Transportation Planning Office) because they cover the whole county now not just the urbanized areas around Grand Junction.) was present to give a slide presentation on what is happening to the area and the RTPO's plan for a transportation system. Name of the system will be Grand Valley Transit, there will be route names and shuttle names Updating the 2015 plan to 2020. He then answered questions.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - There was no representation from Fruita. No report given.

Palisade Update - Elvis said they are building a concrete path for disabled individuals to use in the parking lot to access Riverbend Park. A decision has been made to form a Park and Recreation Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Urban Trails Committee - Michele read Gerry's notes. Canal Banks Committee - Robert and Bill reviewed the survey being done. Will be contacting Canal Companies to see what issues that have with the law that was passed last year and what they can work on jointly and get passed so all are happy with it. The Master Plan Committee is currently working with the County to update and amend the Master Plan. Have a meeting scheduled with Scott Harrington to get further details. Paul is working with Ken Simms on the Lewis Wash project on 31 Road, has been included in the 2020 plan. Community Awareness Committee, first Walks and Strolls project starts on Saturday, March 13th at Corn Lake. Birgit's husband has volunteered to build a portable kiosk for maps and brochures to be used at each event. Birgit has spoken with Jerry Weaver at Mesa State, he has agreed to talk on doing a video for UTC as a class project starting in August. Will not cost UTC anything and it will be used for community awareness. Working on getting large and easy to read map to place in the senior centers. Bob updated the group on Legacy.

Legacy Update - Application for additional funds has been submitted to GOCO. There is about \$30 million available this round. Four new applicants, the fifth was not viable. There are eight (including us) existing projects applying for additional funds. Total

request for the eight existing is \$47 million. Bob didn't know the amount of the new applicants. We had the largest request at \$8.8 million. Our application included two water parks (one in Grand Junction, one in Palisade). Bob said the Division of Wildlife did not submit anything in their quadrant. The schedule is as follows: Board will decide this month how to split the money between new and existing projects. Bob thinks it might be 1/3 to new and 2/3 to old, however, he is just guessing. In April - probably the week of April 12th, there will be a few representatives from the committee come out and see our project. Decision is to be made in May. Bob added that in April there will be seven new members.

Watson Island parking has moved one lot over. Doug Cline and his crew will be paving the lot this summer.

Safety Committee - No update until April - that is when their next meeting is.

Public Comment

Carl mentioned that there will be a volunteer day of planting on April 1st (Thursday) at 12:30pm at the Jarvis Property. He can be reached at 243-5067(w) and 245-5415(h). Carl has spoke with Russ to see if his class can help. He has also spoken with Mary Cordy with the High School has a River Watch Class will be planting trees. Hoping to make this an educational experience for the students. If there is a lot of interest they can also do on Saturday. Site has been seeded with grass. If interested contact Carl. Bring tools if you have them.

Updated the group on trees planted last year. The only ones to survive were the last group planted, the others died.

Joe said the City has cleaned up Watson Island. Joe also mentioned the new GOCO funding formula changes being contemplated. The deadline was February 9th. Joe and the Mayor responded in the area of multi-year funding and regional parks. Bob said he would call Lise because Riverfront Commission never received the paperwork to comment on it.

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.