

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 1999**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Paul Nelson at 7:40pm. Those present were:

Paul Nelson	Lenna Watson
Pat Kennedy	Mark Gardener
Paul Jones	Jeanette Main-Goecke
Russ Walker	Dusty Dunbar
Bill Findlay	

Also present were Brad Taylor, Clayton Dause, Ken Scissors, Catherine Robertson, Elvis Guin, Don Hobbs, Jack Yates and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Lenna motioned to approve the minutes. Dusty second. Motion passed.

Announcements

June meeting will be in Fruita.

June 5th is National Trails Day - dedication of Jarvis Trail to be announced.

Walks and Strolls moved up to June 5th for National Trails Day.

Grand Valley Music Festival concert on June 5th has been moved to June 12th.

Reminder, must RSVP by June 1st for the float trip. Catherine said hike would require additional two hours. Paul had show of hands to see who was interested in the hike. Those that want to do hike will need to make sure carpool person is staying.

Jim Robb impressed with Pat's request for money at Grand Valley Music Festival's first concert.

Old Business

GOCO tour update - visited all sites requesting money. No board members at tour - in fact, no board members attended any tour. Tour went well. Paul thanked everyone for their efforts.

There was no further old business.

New Business

School Presentation - students were ready for meeting last night - were unable to attend tonight.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - No City Council meeting next month. Waiting for word on Legacy Grant. Trail engineering out to bid. Land negotiations continuing. Refinery has dedicated 88 acres which has been deeded over to State Parks. Still working on pathway links to continue trails on other side. Fruita will provide beverages at next meeting, everyone to bring brown bag dinner at 6:30pm. Fruita will have speakers to talk before the meeting. Will be hosting a National Trails Day ceremony early in the morning so people can attend other activities.

Palisade Update - Riverbend Park pier is completed, eventually will the concrete trail to pier. Restrooms will be halfway between. Working on plans. VOC here past weekend, it was well worth it, very organized group. Approximately 30 local citizens showed up to help the 60 volunteers for the Front Range. Jack thanked Riverfront and Legacy partners.

Urban Trails Committee - All Koch with Palisade gave a great presentation of what's happening in Palisade. Walks & Strolls working on map for phone book and video, canal banks issue is on hold until survey results are heard. Pat said results should be ready sometime in June. Shawn updated the group on some subdivisions and problems with one owner.

Scott Harrington spoke on becoming a review agency. Pat gave Ken a brief history on why being a review agency has been opposed by UTC and the Riverfront in the past.

Jody showed group new bike map. She will redo with UTC's comments made.

Legacy Update - Jarvis trail started. Concrete should be done in next few days.

Doug, Jody and Doug Moore met with Bob and looked at temporary trail to Riverside Park. Will be detached with striping. There are a few tight spots - won't be done until fall or maybe next spring.

Did a mini retreat field trip with Bill, Dusty and Judy.

Bob received revised maps from Gary on Price Stubbs. Looks good. Not sure how BOR will receive it. Comments needed for analysis ASAP. Another analysis of Power License needs input too.

Mesa County has option to purchase 20 acres by landfill.

DOW purchase may be close to closing on south side of river in Palisade.

Bob knows GOCO amount awarded for Legacy, however he can't say. He did indicate that it's less than asked for. Totals will be by quadrants - some significantly less. Believes will be an amendment since already have contract.

Public Comment

Bidding to open in June for Fruita State Park. There will be a shelter for the Grand Valley Music Festival - parking for each event will be free.

Botanic Gardens has birds nesting in birdhouses in amphitheater area. Photographer will be out in June for another cover story for Sunset magazine. Colorado Get Aways did piece few weeks ago. New sign "Biggest Watermelon" completed as part of Art on the Corner.

Russ attended an event on the North Fork last weekend. Working on improving habitat. Had about 110 people show up for float trip. Cold water, but big water. Everyone had a good time. Bob mentioned that there is a group trying to stop river transport up that way.

Question was asked on the status of the Old Mill bridge. No one knew anything. Bob said an analysis consultant had been hired but hadn't heard any results.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.