

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 15, 1999**

Call to Order

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

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

Also present were Clayton Dause, Don Hobbs, Bob Cron, Paul Teal, Fred Bohlmann, George Lindenburg and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Ground breaking ceremony 10:30am-11:30am, Wednesday, June 30th at new Fruita State Park.

Riverfront office will be moving to Main Street next week.

Dave Fishell with the museum will be at the next meeting to give history of the building office is in and the white house on the Jarvis trail.

Old Business

Legacy was awarded \$2.9 million. Bob gave a breakdown of how the money would be used.

City paved last 30 yards of dirt on Jarvis.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Jim Robb would like to have 2000 be the “Year of the River”. He sees it as a time for all partners, entities, communities and citizens to reaffirm their dedication to the riverfront project. Bill suggested doing a festival on the trail - possible sites: Botanic Gardens and Los Colonias. Lenna suggested getting a committee together to work on the project. Judy volunteered to be chair, other volunteers include Paul, Dusty, Jeanette, Michele and Fred.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Fruita very happy to be hosting the meeting. Pleased with National Trails Day dedication ceremony. Still working on kiosks, have grant application in for picnic ramada. Still working on trail acquisitions - five parcels for Little Salt Wash. 340 Bridge through Redcliff has been let. Still working on right-of-way by power plant.

Palisade Update - Jack unable to attend.

Urban Trails Committee - Bennett did presentation of what is happening in Fruita. Recreation of canal bank committee is working on a loop on the Matchett property as well as some other loops. Community Awareness will refocus efforts on the Walks & Strolls - will go to groups with presentations. Master Plan committee will be an unofficial review committee for the City. Committee will get plans from City, each member will work on areas closest to home. (Paul N. requested UTC reports back to RFC to see how it's working at end of trial period - six months). Replacing members and adding two new members. Paul then read letter of thanks from UTC co-chairs to Paul Nelson.

Legacy Update - Jarvis trail is completed, its approximately ½ miles. Doug Cline and his crew paved remainder of dirt from trail to street, installing barriers to keep cars off. Fall will provide off street trail to park.

Fruita State park bid on Friday - good contractor with low bid.

Working on annual report and meeting with each member.

Bureau of Reclamation has put Price Stubbs on hold until 2002. They will move their attention to roller dam near Mesa.

Public Comment

Several people that were on raft trip commented on how wonderful it was. They saw petroglyphs, mountain goats, orchards and a couple of waterfalls. Elvis added that he was shocked at the noxious weeds he saw along the river.

Jeanette said she has spoken with someone at the State to educate the public on noxious weeds. There is a possibility of state funding for the project.

Lenna suggested the RFC utilize Paul Jones for photos of each project. Paul agreed to do it. Lenna also suggested RFC reimburse him for film and developing.

Jeanette stated there are self guided tours at the Botanic Gardens this weekend. Will be taking pictures of each garden on tour. Rob Proctor will be doing a lecture and book signing. Fee is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Book fair at Barnes & Noble. Botanic Gardens gets 20% of the take. You will need a coupon.

There was no further public comment.

Paul Nelson reflected on his years as co-chair. He wished Lenna good luck as the new co-chair. Michele added that there was a cake to bid Paul farewell as co-chair.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.