

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**July 20, 1999**

**Call to Order**

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

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

Also present were Bill Chenoweth, George Lindenburg, Brad Taylor, Jack Yates, Bob Cron, Catherine Robertson, Elvis Guin, Dave Fishell, Joe Stevens, Jim Baughman and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Russ stated his name was missing from the Year of the River Committee. Michele will add. Dusty motioned to approve the minutes. Russ second. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

Riverfront Office will be closed on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Michele will be out of town.

Lenna stated she has spoken with Mark Achen's secretary and Kathy Hall's secretary and they are going to find a date for a brown bag lunch with Riverfront Commission members, City Council and County Commissioners. Currently looking at August 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon - still not sure where it will be held.

Jeanette informed everyone that the Botanic Gardens has been nominated for the El Pomar Award for 1999.

**Old Business**

Pat asked on the status of the Year of the River. Judy was unable to attend and will probably get in touch with everyone soon.

There was no further old business.

### **New Business**

Bill Chenoweth did presentation on the historical grant he worked on for the Old Spanish Trail. At end of presentation he asked if the Riverfront Commission wanted the maps and computer disks. He mentioned that the museum was interested in the maps and that he had spoken with Jim Robb about donating them. Pat said will bring up at next Foundation meeting. It was also mentioned that several members of the Riverfront Commission and the Mesa State Library and the County Library might be interested in copies of the report. Michele told Bill she would be happy to store the maps and documentation at the Riverfront office. Group thanked Bill for the presentation.

Dave Fishell did presentation on history of the little white house down on the Jarvis property and then went on to explain the history of the Reed Building. Group thanked Dave for his presentation.

Pat talked about signage for the Jarvis Trail and a name for the trail. family mentioned in Carl Zimmerman told Michele he would like interpretative/educational signs so citizens know about the back fill pond, etc. Section of trail discussing is from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge across the Jarvis property where it stops at the street. Would like to stay away from naming the trail after a person. The Confluence Trail kept coming up. Paul suggested that the Jarvis family be mentioned in the signage. Motion made to go to the Parks Board and City Council with the Riverfront's recommendation of the Confluence Trail. Motion second/motion passed.

Paul mentioned that all members should be thinking about and bring to the City's attention that everything to the north side of the trail - there is about eight to ten acres might be available for industrial/commercial/business development (similar to Coors Ceramics). Lenna suggested that would be a good thing to bring up at the brown bag lunch.

Dusty volunteered to work on mini grant for signage for the property with other interested entities. Bob suggested that if Dusty could come up with a sign for the endangered fish habitat project, one for the Williams House - he believes what's left over with the City, he thinks the US Fish and Wildlife Service and BOR might fund the other one along with the Soil Conservation District.

There was a long discussion about the Williams House and what was going to be done with it. Biggest concern is cost in getting the building structurally sound. Still on going problem with vandalism even with fencing around it.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update - Bennett was unable to attend.

Palisade Update - Pier is complete (part of the Fishing is Fun Grant). Still working on restrooms. Extension of the lake should be happening in the next couple of months. On going work on the west end of the park and the picnic pavilion.

Urban Trails Committee - Paul Teal resigned because of lack of cooperation from the County, so looking for four new members. Have clarified the ownership of the canal by the Matchett property, canal and banks had been sold the BOR several years back. Community Awareness has a new map out, it has been sent to US West for next phone book. The Walks and Strolls Program is winding down. Will refocus to when events are going on. Will be starting video project in the fall. Ken is riding the various trails to and giving details of conditions. He is working with local bike shops looking at road bike trails for recreation/exercise. Will be on the list for any development and offer comment but will not be an official review agency. Lenna suggested that Ken contact the Safety Committee with hazards, etc. that way the entities are getting extra phone calls or e-mails regarding these issues. Bill said it would pass it along to Ken.

Legacy Update - The 1999 Annual Report for Legacy is done and in. Have not received the new contract amendment yet. Ground breaking out at Fruita State Park last day of June. Work should be starting end of the month or early August. Have had another meeting on Snooks Bottom with Catherine Robertson, Elam Construction, City of Fruita and Bob. Elam's is working on a Memorandum of Understanding. There is money for the appraisal. City of Fruita has completed six appraisals on property over by Little Salt Wash.

The Watson Island parking lot is now paved. Should see dirt turned up on Eagle Rim in September.

Price Stubbs - Gary got his conceptual design done and have in our files (price for water park is about \$1 million). BOR has decided to back away from the power license issue for a couple of years and then come back to revisit it in 2002. Will be moving their efforts up to the roller dam with a fish ladder.

Bob suggested the group thinks about an area for people before the dam, get out before dam and portage to below the dam. Bob also issued a challenge for the Riverfront members to push the City to decide what they will do with the Jarvis property outside of the green space.

Bob also issued a challenge to start looking at soft path next to the concrete path along some sections of Grand Junction trails. He would be willing to help the committee member work on it. Mark Gardner volunteered to help. Lenna suggested targeting one

area at a time. Could try for a State Trails grant. Lenna recommended that Bill, Bob, Mark and herself identify areas.

Next Legacy meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Safety Committee - Had a meeting last week. Discussed accomplishments and where the committee wants to go. Will be holding another meeting next month where everyone will bring their ideas and suggestions. Jeanette stated that their attendance is way up but there is a major safety concern with people pulling out of the parking lot in front of semi-trucks. Dusty suggested Jeanette send a letter to Jody Kliska with their report.

### **Public Comment**

Joe Stevens mentioned that he has a meeting in Denver this week and one of the issues to be discussed is the new Lottery advertising started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the impact could be very negative for Legacy and Lottery dollars because the focus will no longer be on someone becoming a millionaire to the benefits of the lottery. Could hurt the cash flow of the lottery money.

Jeanette informed the group that Clayton had recently suffered a heart attack. He's doing fine and just to rest and take it easy.

There was no further public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.