

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
May 16, 2000**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Brad Taylor updated everyone on the park.

Bob Cron gave the new Fruita City Council members an overview of what the Riverfront Commission is and does, what they've done and their future plans. Pat then did question and answer period. Council members left for their meeting.

Remaining members and guests toured the new park with Jim Weibel as the tour guide.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Pat Kennedy at 7:20pm. Those present were:

Pat Kennedy	Lenna Watson
Paul Nelson	John Heideman
Russ Walker	Mark Gardner
Paul Jones	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Brad Taylor, Jim Weibel, Neil Stein, Dave Kirnsay, Myron Howitt, Doug Hall, Jamie Lummis, Dave Wadsworth, Emn with KNZZ and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

John motioned to approve minutes. Mark second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Reminded everyone that the June meeting will be in Palisade. Watch agenda for the location.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Fruita Update - Dusty stated they're still working on projects.

Palisade Update - There was no one present from Palisade.

Urban Trails Committee - Birgit has met with the GJ Police Department and Sheriffs Department regarding bicycle safety course to be held on September 9th. Still working on canal bank - working on areas around Redlands Water & Power. Drafting documents to present to landowners. First area chosen has only two owners - City of Grand Junction and Redlands Water & Power. Jamie added that the Walkable Communities Workshop he attended in April was great.

Legacy Update - Bob talked about Susie Rittenhouse being recognized with the National Conservation Award. Mary Corta received Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. John Alder new manager for Town of Palisade met with Bob. Bob said he has a background in Parks and Recreation. Lenna added that Helen Traylor was honored at Audubon Dinner for her work with the Audubon Society. Brian Brown will be talking with Bob tomorrow. Palisade is working on restrooms. Redlands Lions are back in as possible sponsor for soft path.

Soft Path - Mark has submitted proposals to Grand Junction Parks. Joe will bring up on Thursday at Parks Board meeting. Presentation to Redlands Lions next Thursday.

Rendering Plant - Paul updated group on call Paul Nelson received from Alan Workman - family is ready for proposal. Joe asked if Tim Woodmansee has been contacted. Paul J. suggested Lenna/Pat/Paul N./Tim Woodmansee meet with Alan. Joe suggested Paul J. have Alan contact Tim.

Tamarisk Coalition - During meeting with Fruita City Council, John updated everyone on what the group is working on. Meeting next Tuesday at 1:30pm at the Riverfront office. John also told Dusty he needs Volunteer Release and other volunteer forms. He stated there needs to be another meeting regarding these forms.

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Colorado Riverfest 2000 Committee - Russ said the Dave Fishell presentation was canceled, no new date rescheduled but hope to have at Eagle Rim Park. June 3rd there will be a mass bike ride. Russ is working on advertising. No progress from Riverside Community. Russ will talk to the Riverfront Foundation about small amount of money for refreshments. Michele stated everything on track for Bluegrass Festival. Joe asked if concession issue ever worked out. Michele said wasn't sure what Don and Judy had agreed to. Joe suggested Judy contact Debbie Bertrami about handling the concessions. She is the person handling them for the City and they are very pleased.

Volunteer Committee - Dusty stated she needs volunteers for GVMF, bike made, run, etc. Dusty to get with Michele for forms and dates. Jamie will help Dusty with release. Joe

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suggested contacting Paula with the City to see what the City has done (have already met with her). Michele will keep signed forms. Process will be: submit forms for task so Dusty can find appropriate volunteers if she has them available. Bill suggested having a volunteer to wrap cottonwoods.

Dusty added that she's been contacted by winery to sell wine at GVMF and give some proceeds to RFF. RFF agreed at last meeting would prefer not to get into this issue.

Public Comment

Jamie suggested members start using email.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.