

Committee Reports

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 245-0045

Minutes of Meeting June 20, 2000

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Lenna Watson at 7:35pm. Those present were:

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| Pat Kennedy | Lenna Watson |
| Paul Nelson | John Heideman |
| Russ Walker | Mark Gardner |
| Paul Jones | Dusty Dunbar |
| Jeanette Main-Goecke | Judy Kennedy |

Also present were Bob Cron, John Alder, Joe Stevens, Elvis Guin, John Halvorson, Jim Baughman, Palisade Town Trustee and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Paul motioned to approve minutes. Russ second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Jeanette stated she and Rich will be moving to Las Vegas, NV in August. She also informed the group that the Botanic Gardens received \$57,000 from GOCO.

Bob Cron introduced John Alder to the members.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There currently are three vacancies on the commission. Encouraged possible members to talk to Stephanie Nye or Pat and Lenna.

Pat and Lenna did farewell presentation for Jeanette, Judy and Paul. Each was given a Certificate of Appreciation and a river rock.

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There was no further new business.

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Fruita Update - Dusty stated they're still working on bridge, hope to have done soon. Work progresses on frail along Little Salt Wash. Working on land connections. Fruita will be hosting ice cream social at GVMF on Saturday.

Palisade Update - John stated work in continuing on restrooms at Riverbend Park - hope to have done by September. John then gave his background info to group.

Urban Trails Committee - Doug Cline did slide presentation on two new bridges installed on G Road and Little Bookcliff. Bicycle Safety program will be September 9th. At next UTC meeting (July 11th), group will be doing a bike ride and picnic. Ride will start at Riverside Park and go to Eagle Rim Park and back. Will then have picnic in Riverside Park. All Riverfront Commission members are invited to bring their families, bikes and a picnic. Reviewed several new subdivision plans.

Legacy Update - Bob explained to guest what he does for Legacy. Updated everyone on money being moved from 24 Road to South Camp road construction. Break through on Snooks Bottom - Bennett waiting for appraisal. Will have meeting next week with Elam. City of Grand Junction has finished analysis on approach to bridge. Work will be done this winter. Fruita State Park opened over Memorial Day. State Parks working with State Patrol on property next to park. Eagle Rim to open with dedication on July 1st at 10am. Daughters of the American Revolution will be dedicating their statue. Wally Piccone with GOCO will attend.

Soft Path - Mark said still working on project. Met with Redlands Lions about adopting the frail. Moving ahead on grants - hope to have ready in a couple of weeks.

Rendering Plant - Paul said talks are still on going. Bob has call into Tim Woodmansee regarding option.

Tamarisk Coalition - Have had several meetings in past month. Forming a grant committee. Agreed not to become nonprofit. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30pm. Working on coordinator position. Partners will work on own grants.

Colorado Riverfest 2000 Committee – June 24th there will be a canoe and kayak race. Group will put in at Palisade and take out at Corn Lake. Pig party at take out. Still working on Dave Fishell talks. Thanked Joe for Eagle Rim being done on time. Had great publicity on the Riverside frail opening. Bluegrass Festival on July 30th at Eagle Rim. Need 20 to 25 volunteers. Joe recommended De Bertrami for concessions at last meeting. Judy has been in contact with her. Cumulus Broadcasting will be handling advertising.

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Judy added that PJ McGovern would be interested in sponsoring festival next year if Foundation is interested in doing again. Adventure Race in September/October. 5K race in late October.

Volunteer Committee - Dusty passed out forms, "Request for Volunteers" and "Volunteer Application for Individuals and Groups". She asked that everyone pass them along to interested individuals and groups and then get back to Dusty or Michele. Thanked those that have already volunteered from past. Russ has volunteered for June 24~h concert.

Public Comment

Botanic Gardens has offered use of new library. Full moon party in August.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.