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RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 245-0045

Minutes of Meeting August 15, 2000

Call to Order

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

Pat Kennedy	Lenna Watson
Mark Gardner	Jim Majors
Walid Bou-Matar	Bill Findlay
Dusty Dunbar	

Also present were Bob Cron, Brad Taylor, Joe Stevens, Jack and Katherine Nelson and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Introduced new members Jim Majors and Walid Bou-Matar. Each talked briefly about their interests and why they wanted to be new members of the Riverfront Commission.

Lenna discussed terms and everyone's commitment to the Riverfront Commission.

Grand Valley Magazine will be doing an editorial on the Riverfront in their November issue. Brian Mahoney will be talking to Dick Berg about what he wants.

Volunteers needed for September 30th and October 1st Adventure Race. Riverfront Foundation is supposed to get \$1,000 out of this event if we can come up with 20 volunteers. The October 28th is a 5k/10k race at Watson Island/Connected Lake. Lenna encouraged RFC members to try and attend events.

Pat talked about the birdhouse he was given by the Western Colorado Botanical Society to decorate for their second annual auction. Finished birdhouses will be on display at Barnes and Nobles later in the month. All money received will benefit the Botanic Gardens.

Lenna pointed out the Retreat Goals posted to refresh everyone's memory.

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Pat introduced Jack Nelson. Jack explained what he and his group have been doing with regard to the Old Spanish Trail and the status of federal designation of the trail. RFC agreed to send letter restating desire to see federal designation.

There was no further old business.

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Joe mentioned that they have been having vandalism problems again. The Pioneer Woman was hit last night - she broke off the staff/rod she was holding. It will be repaired and re-enforced. Joe believes the RFC and public need to be more active in contacting the police. He contacts them on average three times a week, his staff on a regular basis. Response time on average is one and half to two hours which is too slow. Someone poured black tar over the entry sign and dedication sign at Canyonview Park. Two of the tables have been destroyed with knives. A water fountain has been replaced three times. There's been graffiti inside the restrooms and plants pulled up. Also increased problem with vandalism in and around the neighbors near the park. Pat commented that he's seen problem on Blue Heron Trail too. City is working on different solutions to the problem.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Dusty deferred to Bob.

Palisade Update - There was no representative present for Palisade.

Urban Trails Committee - Robert Traylor said that UTC decided last week to revise the Urban Trails Master Plan. Ken is working on setting up a meeting with Ken Simms, Pete Baier, Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Bob Cron and Pat Kennedy. He also spoke to Bill Prakken about No Thoroughfare Wash and will be meeting with him to further discuss. Pat explained what No Thoroughfare Wash was for the new members. Pat said Jamie was featured on the 5:30pm news regarding the canal banks.

Legacy Update - Bob quickly explained the Legacy Grant to the new members. Mesa Land Trust and Mesa County have received a \$200,000 from GOCO for the Community Separator Project. The Land Trust has hired a new person who will work exclusively on acquiring development rights (technical problems with the tape, was unable to hear what was said). Audubon Society has broken ground in partnership with DOW on the kiosks. Received \$4,500 from LaSalle Adams. Fish and Wildlife Service had a field trip last week and showed the group what they've been working on. In the final stages of acquiring property from ? where Whitewater Sand and Gravel

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has an operation. BLM is working on a trailhead at the Kokopelli Trail. The BLM will be offering a grant writing course December 6th and 7th. They will be a small charge. Have appraisal back on the Snooks Bottom property. It has been forwarded onto Elam for review. Hope to meet in a week or two discuss. Botanic Society has started work on the wall around the children's garden. Bluegrass Festival was a success, remember to thank Judy Kennedy. Bob will be out of town the last week of August.

Soft Path - Mark explained what the soft path is for the new members. Told them about the stretch that working on. Proposal has been presented to the City of Grand Junction Parks and Rec. They will do all the clearing needed. He has written a couple of grants. Talked about the trail surfaces looking into using on the trail. Have some of the materials to do test patches to see how they will work. Still working on the right-of-way issue with City Market. Bill Prakken is working on and will get info to Paul Nelson so he can present to City Market.

Rendering Plant - Pat explained the rendering plant. Lenna read Paul's update. The father has died and the children want out and the sooner the better. Tim Woodmansee is putting together and agreement he will take to the City for approval. He thinks the RFC should attend that meeting and he will let us know when that will take place. Issue of owners coming to the City not the City going to them needs to be made for public's benefit. Paul also brought up another plant somewhere on the Western Slope. Bob reminded the group that they need to keep after Tim because Alan Workman (husband of family member) is shopping around to get the best price for the family.

Tamarisk Coalition - Pat talked about interview with Kacey and what her duties would be. Currently there are 41 members and continuing to grow. Bob said there was meeting of the 41 members to see who is willing to fund the position and projects.

Colorado Riverfest 2000 Committee - Russ was unable to attend and asked Michele to remind everyone about the next two upcoming events, the Adventure Race and the Run. He asked everyone to please help Dusty out and volunteer for one of these events.

Volunteer Committee - Dusty said she still needs volunteers for the GVMF concert on August 19th and September 2nd. She will not be here for the 2nd. Jim said he would volunteer if not going out of town. Talked about a box where people could put money into during intermission at the concert. Also have applications with the box. Still need volunteers for the Adventure Race and Run, please sign up. Dusty also talked about Wade Johnson and his rotating signs along the river trails and that there is one sign available for information on the Riverfront Commission. Lenna thinks the box idea needs to be taken back to the Foundation to make sure it's okay with them.

Public Comment

Brad talked about the video being made for Colorado Getaways. Thinks it might show next Saturday. They haven't been out for over four years, which means there has been a great deal of change since last shown on the program. Still no definite date for the dedication ceremony.

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Waiting to hear from Governor's office to see when it will work into his schedule. Brad will keep the group updated.

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.