

There was no further old business.

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
September 19,2000**

Call to Order

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

Pat Kennedy	Lenna Watson
Mark Gardner	Jim Majors
Walid Bou-Matar	Bill Findlay
Dusty Dunbar	Gabe DeGabriele
Russ Walker	Paul Jones
John Heideman	

Also present were Clark Reives, Bob Cron, Elvis Guin, and Don Hobbs.

Approval of Minutes

Pat told everyone that last month Michele picked up the Rockies game while recording the minutes and asked if anyone has a radio on to please turn it off.

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

Mark stated in the Legacy section of last months minutes there was a ?, should be Craig Tucker.

Announcements

Pat introduced new member Gabe. Gabe talked briefly about himself. Members introduced themselves.

There is a volunteer meeting on September 28th at 6pm for the Adventure Race. Pat stated that Michele had informed him that there is a group of Germans coming from Moab that may be helping. Russ suggested contacting the Outdoor Recreation Dept. at Mesa State.

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Old Business

Lenna talked about the walk that was on the 16th. Lenna spoke with the group coordinators about their group's interest in adopting sections of trail. They will contact Michele about getting maps.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Dusty said they are working on the bridge. Looks like State Parks will be doing a "big" dedication ceremony in the spring and Fruita is hoping to participate in some way. Have a number of groups interested in doing fundraisers for the bridge to the past. She then explained for the new members what and where this is.

Palisade Update - There was no representative present for Palisade. Elvis stated they are just about finished with the restrooms at Riverbend Park. Still working on weed removal.

Urban Trails Committee - Clark told how they are working on updating the Urban Trails Master Plan to reflect all the new development that has taken place and to help with future development. He ran through the schedule of what sections will be covered over the next six months. When completed there will be public meetings. Pat asked if UTC has scheduled retreat yet - Clark said no. Pat also reminded UTC about the RFC social in December and that all members are invited.

Legacy Update - Bob told everyone about the BLM grant-writing course in December. Fruita State Park has closed the first section of the park and opened the section that has been closed. Bob has a meeting with Harold Elam on Friday, October 13th at 10am at Elam's office. Bob said that the paper wasn't interested in featuring a section of the trail in the Out & About once a month or once a week; however, the DOW (Bill's Backyard Segment on the news) will be featuring two sections of the trail at future dates. DOW/Audubon kiosks are just about done. Lenna added that the Audubon is having a yard sale and is looking for donations. Bob that stated that they will moving into their office space (the farmhouse) at the Wildlife Viewing Area soon. The Botanic is working on the Children's Garden. Bob will be out of town next week.

Soft Path - Mark is working on wrapping up loose ends. He is waiting on easement paperwork from Bill Prakken. He explained what the soft path is and where they will be installing and what type products they plan on using. Currently working on getting the area cleared and working volunteers. Paul Nelson has agreed to talk to City Market after Bill gets the easement paperwork to Mark. Mark has spoken with Randy Snyder with the Corp

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of Engineers. There are some wetlands down in the area; however, Randy didn't think there would be a problem - just keep the trail on the high side. Mark is working with Shawn Cooper on putting together a test area to see the products will work. Perhaps testing out at Canyon View Park. Currently Mark doesn't know if anyone else is using this product for this purpose - it is being used for horse arenas. Have been turned down for grant from Wells Fargo. Mark will continue to work on applying for other grants. Mark has contacted Home Depot about the project and they have expressed interest in the project. He also has applied for a grant for reimbursement for half the crumb rubber.

Rendering Plant - Paul explained what the rendering plant does and why the RFC is interested in the area. Paul hasn't spoken with Tim yet. He will call Tim tomorrow check the status. On the flip side, need to help with getting another rendering plant open on the western slope. Delta has offered 160 acres for relocation. Current owners are not interested in continuing or replacement.

Paul mentioned a concern from the Botanic Gardens wanting to fence off the area and charging admission, however trail users would no longer have access to the restrooms. City paid for the restrooms and closing off the area would be a problem. Pat stated that it's a problem that the Botanic Gardens will need to take up with City.

Tamarisk Coalition - John explained what tamarisk is and why the coalition is trying to remove them along the river. There is a steering team meeting on September 25th at the DOW and the general meeting will be October 10th at the RFC. Currently working on writing a grant that is due November 7th. Group has approached Senator Campbell's office for appropriation funds. Have hired a coordinator, Kacey Conway. Tamarisk is on the noxious weed list.

Colorado Riverfest 2000 Committee - Russ explained how the Riverfest 2000 came about and events that had been planned. Upcoming events are the Adventure Race September 30th and October 1st. There also is a 5k/10k race on October 28th. There is concern because there is a rumor out there that there is another race the same day and the Riverfront Foundation is sponsoring it. No one knows about this race and thinks someone has his or her information and facts wrong. Bruce Smith told Russ that they would be going to area retailers asking for donations for prizes for the October 28th race. Questions were asked if dogs were allowed for the run.

Volunteer Committee - Dusty explained what the committee was supposed to do and what it is currently dealing with. Have received a call from area high school that has 75 honor students looking for an outdoor cleanup project on September 30th. Dusty is trying to come up with a project for the group this day. Walid mentioned that he would be interested in helping with this group.

Jim talked about Kokopelli trailhead. On September 9th about 60 volunteers helped build a

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new single-track trail out there with some double tracks. You know can do Lions Loop by riding the Mack Ridge Trail. Marys Loop the trail was worked on a couple weeks ago -the Moore Fun Trail, 2 ½ of about 4 ½ miles was completed by these volunteers. There was a dedication ceremony at the new trailhead; the site has vault toilets, a pavilion along with the pave parking area.

Questions asked about the Wilderness bill. Jim briefed the group on the history and current status.

Pat added that his birdhouse is on display at Barnes & Noble and people are asked to vote with a monetary vote for their favorite. All birdhouses will be auctioned in October as a fundraiser for the Botanic Gardens.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.