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RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

245-0045

Minutes of Meeting

November 21, 2000

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Pat Kennedy at 7:37pm. Those present were:

Pat Kennedy	Dusty Dunbar
Walid Bou-Matar	Bill Findlay
Paul Jones	

Also present were Elvis Guin, Bob Cron, Clayton Dause, Robert Traylor, Mike Joyce, and Rob Katzenson.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

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Michele is out of the office until November 27th.

The December meeting has been traditionally a social meeting. Last two years it's been at the Pinon Grill. Suggestion had been made to start it at 6:30. Group liked that idea.

Pat informed the group the Foundation was not interested in sponsoring the Blue Grass Festival for 2001. They thought perhaps a commission member might be interested in handling. The promoter has an associate in Arizona that would be willing to work with the commission on applying for grants. Walid said he has spoken with Brian about building on the success of the music festival with several more festivals. No one appeared to be willing take it on as a project. Several members felt it was taking the commission too far away from what it was trying to accomplish. Dusty added that it was difficult to get volunteers.

Riverfront Run 2001 - Harding Larson would like to do again but that they will need more help for the Foundation or Commission in order to take on next year. Pat asked if it was something the Commission wanted to take on. Dusty said that this one event does make the Foundation money rather than costing the Foundation money. Dusty gave a run down of what Bill and Bruce were looking for in the way of man-hours. HL had over 200 man-hours involved in the run. Robert added that Bill and Bruce expressed the desire to get donations secured early next year so they will be on the start of donations rather than the end when companies are tapped out. Suggestion made that Bruce and Bill be invited to a Wednesday meeting to talk about what it is they are looking for from the Commission. FYI - all registration fees collected (\$1,215) for the 2000 run were donated

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to the Foundation. Dusty said she'd be willing to help but does not want to be the lone member.

Retreat - Usually in January. Pat said he was leaning towards a tour. Most members liked the idea too. Area of interest is what needs to be done to get connections. Bob thought it would be better to look further out - Palisade to DeBeque. Elvis asked about improving stewardship of the trails.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Russ wanted to give a presentation on Blue Heron Lake but has asked if it could be deferred until the December meeting.

Dusty introduced Rob Katzenson who is interested in providing "pedicabs" on the trails. Rob did presentation on proposal of pedicabs for a riverfront trail accessibility program using special bicycles outfitted for passengers. Pat asked if they had access to one of them so the members could look at, he has concern about the 50" width on the 8' sections of trails. Pat asked about liability issues and Dusty has concerns about access issues. Rob stated that they were looking at certain sections of trail being the one used for the day with a public announcement made so everyone knows they might encounter a pedicab on that

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section of trail. Bob asked a technical question about the two models, motorized and non-motorized. Walid said it might open up a floodgate for “for profit” entities causing problems with the “non-profit” entity’s idea. Rob was going to see if he could get one over here for everyone to look at sometime after the first of the year. Bill stated that the group would need to talk to the Foundation if they are interested in using the Foundation for an umbrella non-profit. Dusty made recommendation to Pat that he take it back to the Foundation.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Fruita has purchased 38 acres in the Kings View Estate development. BLM has purchased 60 acres in the same development adjacent to the Devil Canyon area. The Bridge is still on hold. City is going through their budget and hopefully they will have some funds to continue the project. The Parks and Recreation Board have become motivated to do work on the Little Salt Wash area.

Palisade Update - there was no one from Palisade. Elvis said that he read there was money available for the pavilion.

Urban Trails Committee - Robert stated that UTC is continuing to work on updating the Urban Trail Master Plan. Last week they discussed 19 to 26 Road north of Patterson. Have identified areas for improvement, does include in some places removing certain

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corridors to discourage bike traffic on those roads. Will be looking at the river corridor as a separate section for connections and the difficulties with some of these connections. Pat also stated that Walid spoke to him about canal bank issues and suggested that Robert and Walid get together and discuss his ideas about the Moon Ridge development. Robert invited Walid to attend the UTC December meeting. Pat asked about retreat, Robert informed him that a date hasn't be decided yet.

Legacy Update - Bob stated that Mesa County has received GOCO funds for the Community Separator Project and have another request in for additional money. Butterfly house at the Botanic Gardens has reopened. With regard to the Legacy project the Botanic Gardens has started work on the amphitheater. The Audubon Society has completed the kiosks and hope to have grand opening in January. The Audubon has received a large grant of \$173,000 from the Federal government for their nature center. Bob hasn't been able to speak with Lise at GOCO to find out what's going to happen if State Parks pulls their money for their quadrants of legacy funds. The USFW has acquired some property up on the Gunnison River (down river from Whitewater). The BLM has acquired the Pavloks parcel out by Devils Canyon. Tamarisk Coalition is working on a grant application. The Confluence Habitat Project - Kathy Holley might be interested in an educational signage project for the area. Currently talking about an \$80,000 project. Bob ask Pat to ask the Foundation whether or not they would support the project.

Soft Path - Mark was unable to attend but told Pat that he has a small grant application in with GOCO for Small Trails for the soft path. He has turned over a revocable easement to Tony Prinster with City Market. Tony has forwarded it onto the corporate office and

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expects it back in the next two weeks. Bill brought up the idea of just clearing brush along the Audubon trail that would permit extra footage needed for pedicabs or joggers wanting soft surface trail. Bob suggested Bill and Mark go talk to Greg Linza with the County.

Rendering Plant - Paul has spoken with Tim Woodmansee last week. Tim hasn't had a chance to draw up the paperwork but is suppose to get to it by the end of the year. Alan Workman is out of town. Paul asked if the Botanic Gardens could be in the loop for anything that happens on Watson Island.

Tamarisk Coalition - John was unable to attend. Bob commented that the group wouldn't be meeting again for several months. They've submitted a grant application and are waiting to hear back on it. Pat asked for Bob's thoughts on the equipment demonstrated, it really shreds the stumps making it difficult to spray with chemicals.

Volunteer Committee - Dusty had nothing to report unless someone has a task needing volunteers.

Educational Committee - Gabe was unable to attend.

Public Comment

Clayton stated Paul already mentioned the items he was going to. He did add that Lorna Naegele has been appointed the new director effective January 1st.

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Bob said some of the members are aware of BLM's interest in having the City of Grand Junction manage Little Park Preserve. Bob said it is finally moving along. The County has passed a resolution to vacate their lease on the property. Believes the BLM will come back the Parks Board soon~ Bob stated that he heard Jim Majors is interested. Jim contacted Pat earlier tonight - Bob will contact him. Bob said that the Parks Board is also interested in acquiring 35 acres up on Colinas DeVilla.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

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