

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
May 15, 2001**

Call to Order

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

Lenna Watson
Paul Jones
Russ Walker
Bill Findlay

Patrick Kennedy
Walid Bou-Matar
Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Tim Fry, Joe Stevens, Bob Cron, Brad Taylor, Dave Soker and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Pat reminded everyone about the float trip on Friday, June 8th. Everyone except Lenna will be going on the trip. Question was raised about bringing kids – told will need to see if there are enough rafts.

Pat also told everyone about the Western Bounty program being aired on May 20th at 4:30pm on Rocky Mountain PBS. Lenna added she was interviewed by Ilene Jensen-Kerchevel of Primetime Update at the new State Park in Fruita regarding the Grand Valley Music Festival.

The June 19th Riverfront Commission meeting will be held in Fruita at the new State Park's meeting room. Start time is 5:30pm. Bring brown bag dinner to enjoy while meeting with the City of Fruita Council members. RFC meeting to immediately follow.

Michele will be out of the office from May 19th through May 29th.

Old Business

Dave Soker updated group on continued efforts. The USFWL is interested in the parcel the Riverfront Foundation owns for a fish grow out project. USFWL will do appraisals

and studies and then draft a proposal if the Riverfront Foundation is interested. Basically looking at basic easement. Concerns were raised about effects on trail use. Dave stated if project and trail use conflicts – probably wouldn't work.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Jim Majors has agreed to take on updating the trail user map. Pat asked members for suggestions and input. Group suggested getting trailheads and doing away with background. Joe suggested putting the map on website with links to City and State Parks web pages. Pat asked Brad about dotted lines for future trails – Brad said no thanks. Dusty added that segment maps would be better.

Pat said he received a telephone call from Jody Kliska about work being done at the City Shops area. They might have one acre available for 72 parking spaces and landscaping. Joe fells trailhead would be a good choice. Bill asked about making room for soft path. Dusty said she has received calls about parking at Albertsons. Joe said RFC should just pursue with Jody and see where it goes. Group agreed.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – No update was received from Fruita.

Palisade Update – No update was received from Palisade.

Urban Trails Committee – Tim stated committee has finished map update and will be having an open house at their June meeting downstairs in the museum's old gift shop. Have made changes and some deletions to better fit. Have prioritized routes. Pat asked about barriers and how it was determined. Bob asked about timeline for presentation to City and County. Tim and Michele stated that there was no real date but thought it would be late summer or early fall. Paul asked about canal bank issue. Tim said still working on moving forward. Joe said he believes a pilot project will happen in the not so distant future. Bob said project would parallel.

Legacy Update – Bob talked about GOCO turnover. Meet with Lise' replacement, Diane Gausehauer and Summer Schoenburger. Working on signing for Confluence area. Kathy Holley stated they made it through first screening. Bob stopped in and saw Bookcliff Middle School project – turned out great! Wetlands Initiative grant has been postponed until next year. Bob recommends Rob return check to RFF and then RFF can reissue next year.

Soft Path – Mark was unable to attend, Pat read his update. Mark continues his talk with Dillon Real Estate about the easement for the trail. Jim Koloski has supplied the latest attachment they requested and Mark is asking that they have everything signed by mid July. He also has worked on trucking from Elam's pit to the site and believes he has a good price from Bogue at 2.10 a ton. Will start to look into volunteers next month. Trail is set to start in mid September.

Soft Path II – Bill said Greg's County crew hasn't gotten done with what they thought they would but will be getting to it soon.

Rendering Plant – Paul didn't feel comfortable contacting Bill Frye. Paul felt better contacting Mesa State stating RFC would like to get an easement from them when they get parcel. Currently Mesa State is unaware of status.

Tamarisk Coalition - John was unable to attend. Pat asked if everyone read the article on Tamarisk in Sunday's paper. Kacey is working on getting more info to the media.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty said she is still working on getting 60+ volunteers needed for the GVMF events. Have half for the first concert. Walid asked about t-shirts and caps for volunteers. Lenna asked about donation box. Need to get with Paul N. to see what was decided. Walid talked about selling t-shirts, etc. Brad said still waiting for use permit, etc. Michele will call Paul N. in the AM to follow up on issues. Dusty said she heard a rumor bus service only on select concerts. Per Paul N., bus will run from FMHS on all concerts. Brad asked about police situation in Fruita.

Blue Heron Lake – Russ stated he hopes to work on Blue Heron Lake this summer.

Educational Committee – Gabe unable to attend.

Public Comment

Dusty said Julie Wolverson has been contracted to do designs for Little Salt Wash.

Bill asked Joe about grass situation at Jr. Service League. Joe stated it's a work in progress. He stated that there is a salt level problem in many places throughout the area.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.