

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
August 12, 2001**

**Call to Order**

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

Patrick Kennedy	Gabe DeGabriele
Paul Jones	Walid Bou-Matar
Lenna Watson	Bill Findlay
Mark Gardner	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Elvis Guin, Brad Taylor, Joe Stevens, Jim Baughman, John Halvorson and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Paul motioned to pass minutes. Gabe second. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

Reminded everyone that the last GVMF concert is on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Last concert was canceled due to bad weather.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Pat informed the group about the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Colorado River Transportation Corridor – Riverside Bypass. UTC has one person who will attend meeting and the group thought it would be great to have a Riverfront member there too. Jim Baughman stated there has been talk of going further west than previously talked about.

Lenna reminded members that John Heideman has left a vacancy on the Tamarisk Coalition – Paul and Walid volunteered. (Michele will contact Jude with new contacts).

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Dusty said they are still working on rehab of Little Salt Wash. Letter of Support went out on the Old Fruita Bridge – endangered historical site. More interest by community concerning trails and connections. Pleased to have GVMF concerts. Have had dialogue with Masterson property owners along Little Salt Wash. Coming closer to an agreement on price.

Palisade Update – No one from Palisade present. Elvis stated meeting this week between Palisade and School District concerning student use of ?

Urban Trails Committee – John said Master Plan is just about finished. George Miller with the City has been very helpful in revising the map. UTC has drafted an internal narrative. Ken will be UTC member who will be here to do presentation (presentation to last no more than 20 minutes total).

Legacy Update – GOCO working on strategic plan. GOCO informed Bob that the meetings in July had a good turn out. Letter being sent to Board thanking them for holding the meetings and to reiterate what was stated at the meeting. Elvis added that there were some radical individuals with environmental groups that had a very narrow focus of how lottery monies should be used – habitat only. It was pointed out to these individuals that was not appropriate for all areas. Concern with regard to next Legacy Grant cycle – no cycle this fall and possibly not next spring, will depend on monies from Powerball. Botanic Gardens dedicated their new amphitheater. Castle exterior is now complete. Jim asked about other projects going on at the site and Bob gave him a quick update.

Soft Path – Mark met with Joe, Don, Shawn, Bob, Lenna and Pat today and walked the trail and where the trail should be. Shawn is working on a design to help with maintenance. Mark has spoken with Partners and they are ready to put the project on their schedule. Hopes to have it started by next meeting. Pat asked if there would be a funding problem with the slope area. Mark thinks there will be enough money but will need to see what Shawn comes up with. Lenna thanked Joe and everyone who attended the meeting. Joe said Shawn was working on a take off on the amount of fill needed.

Soft Path II – Bill said there has been a great deal of work done on State Park's side. He passed around a memo highlighting what's been done and what's proposed to be done. Would like to see project done ASAP. Talked about width of the path and pros and cons. Bob had recommended a three-foot crusher fine on both sides of the paved trail. Bill stated he likes Mark's idea of tying two together. Would need to talk to Audubon about a separate six-foot trail that was away from the paved trail. Safety concern with crusher fine doesn't end up on the paved trail. Bob said group talked about taking shoulders down three or four inches and then bringing crusher fine up to the paved trail. Next step to meet with Audubon and State Parks. State Parks has been approached by City to install new sewer line with new lift station. DOW has also approached State Parks about

opportunity to install berm around the lakes for endangered fish. Neither has been approved, still waiting to see berm design. Thinks berm would be good enhancement for park. Brad is advocating trail to go on top of new berm, which will be up seven feet from current concrete bridge. Pat said he has looked at current soft path and saw that some areas would need very little work. Brad recommends crusher fine should stop just at State Park. Bill is anxious to use the Partners crew that is available and wanting to work on this project.

Rendering Plant – Project moving more sideways. Appears to be a standoff amongst the three siblings. Three can't agree. Have talked to an out of state rendering plant but appears to be holding out for more money. Other parcels they own are costing them a lot in property taxes and would like to develop those lots. Discussed proposed development plans. Will continue to keep on the back burner.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty talked about trials and problems with handicap parking at GVMF concerts. Dusty thinks a shuttle bus from Dino parking lots would be beneficial. Need to work on serious planning for next year. Will need volunteers for parking cars at next concert. Also looking for volunteers for the Kokopelli Adventure Race at the end of September. Walid said need to give Dusty credit for her efforts on the concerts along with Brad and his wonderful crew. Walid said there still appears to be a problem with word getting out about Foundation being sponsor. Need to have a wrap up meeting after last concert.

Educational Committee – Gabe spoke about upcoming meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> time and location to be determined. He believes a new date will be chosen. Talked about idea that will be discussed (from memo sent to participants). Will send update. Riverfront Foundation granted \$200 to cover entrance fees. Lenna will contact Laidlaw to see if they will donate transportation.

Gabe passed out info on Elderhostel program. Guidelines are going to be changing because Elderhostel is changing their service program. Lenna asked if list of projects would be helpful – Gabe said that would be further down the road. Dusty added that there is an Elderhostel RV program.

Trail Maps – Jim was unable to attend.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment. Walid said his Rotary Club is looking for 18 – 40 years interested in going to Sweden next May so please pass the word.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.