

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
November 20, 2001**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Pat Kennedy at 7:00pm. Those present were:

Patrick Kennedy	Lenna Watson
Paul Jones	Gabe DeGabriele
Walid Bou-Matar	Chris Kanaly
Mark Gardner	Richard Gerhardt
Dusty Dunbar	

Also present were Bob Cron, Carl Zimmerman, Robert Traylor, Joe Stevens and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mark motioned to approve the minutes. Walid second. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

Social is December 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting will start at 6pm with social starting at 6:30pm.

IGA meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7am at the BLM office.

El Pomar grant applications being taken and are due by January 11, 2002. See Michele if interested.

Pat introduced new members Chris and Richard to the group. Each gave a brief background history on themselves.

**Old Business**

Retreat – Pat and Bob have gone out and looked at sites to tour. Bob recommended going from Palisade to DeBeque with stops along the way. Lenna added that Catherine Robertson with BLM is still interested in trails to Delta.

Lenna asked everyone to think about interest in committee assignments.

There was no further old business.

### **New Business**

Pat and Bob were out hiking Walter Walker Wildlife and trails to Fruita.

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Bennett was not present but Dusty stated Steve Shrock would be replaced. Dusty thinks it will take awhile to find his replacement. Dialogue on gravel reserves – the test didn't turn out to be positive which was beneficial to the City in dealing on acquisition to purchase property.

Palisade Update – John was not present nor did we receive an update prior to the meeting.

Urban Trails Committee – Robert updated group on project Jennifer Ely has been working on (No Thoroughfare Wash cleanup). Everyone should go and see it. The neighborhood group has asked the RFF for money for fencing. Robert said there is someone who has put up a fence down to the river and that the RFF needs to handle situation. Next they will be handling the tamarisk.

UTC met with the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County Planning Commission on the 15<sup>th</sup> to review updated master plan. One item not removed was canal banks. After making presentation – GVIC's attorney raised objection on canal banks being on the map. One item not mentioned by the attorney was that there have been ongoing discussions with GVIC about trails on the canal banks. County took exception to GVIC's being surprised by map and therefore County felt uncomfortable with the issues. City adopted map but UTC will have to have another meeting with County to further discuss updated map.

Bob added an important point and that is that the canal banks were on the Multi-Modal Plan adopted by the City and County in 1992. This is not something done by UTC. City and County will go into workshop to further discuss canal banks.

Legacy Update – Bob will be doing a tour with the new members next Wednesday. GOGO State Trail Grants are due. Legacy meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, looking ahead to next three years. GOCO had retreat last week – not sure of outcome. Believes there will be open space grants but not sure about future of Legacy grants. There won't be anything this spring. Fruita is going to contract on Little Salt Wash. Audubon is working on fencing their project.

Tamarisk Coalition has drafted Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and will be getting them to Fid Braffett and Bill Prakken for review. Next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be electing a board and discuss hiring a director.

Pat asked Bob about GOCO bonding amendment passed and its impact here in Mesa County. Bob wasn't sure but thinks it will help the Community Separator Program. Gabe asked Bob about lottery funds and Powerball. Bob said things are going well.

Soft Path – Mark has been busy and has a call into Shawn who is working on fill requirements. Jerry and his crew have been working on post and cable.

Soft Path II – Mark updated group on what Bill told him. Curtis Dowd has been down there working on getting tonnage spread. Bill would like to take some of RFF money and pay Curtis to move dirt to strategic placed then spread it.

Rendering Plant – Paul recently spoke with Alan Workman who said the family is not working with Bill Frye. Carl Zimmerman added that Tri-River Extension is concerned about the rendering plant going away. There have been some meetings and Jim Baughman recently stated on TV that the county and other counties on the western slope might have to subsidize the rendering plant. Carl has been making phone calls and Jim and Kathy Hall don't think it's a good idea to use taxpayer funds. Paul said he was told the landfill can take rendering plant items, but they must be sealed in barrels. Alan said that they have sold property to north. Carl added plant takes in about 100 animals per week and grease from all restaurants in the area.

Tamarisk Coalition – Bob updated earlier. Pat added that at the RFF meeting, a grant request was made. Brian went back to group and asked for a formal request in writing.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty has been working on thank yous and getting t-shirts out to volunteers of the GVMF. Have had some groups looking for project, mostly HOA groups in Fruita. She has put together a paper for RFF meeting on GVMF volunteers. Fruita has been working on band shelter for Reed Park.

Educational Committee – Gabe said there was nothing new to report.

Trail Maps – Jim was unable to attend.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.