

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 19, 2002**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Patrick Kennedy at 7:05pm. Those present were:

Patrick Kennedy	Lenna Watson
Paul Jones	Richard Gerhardt
Bill Findlay	Chris Kanaly
Dusty Dunbar	

Also present were Bob Cron, Jamie Lummis, Jody Kliska, Tim Moore, Kent Harbert, Joann Woodward, Birgit Bostelman, Janet Hollingsworth, Tim Fry, Judy Craddock, Paul Nelson, Joe Stevens, Jim Baughman and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Office will be closed on Friday, March 29th.

Guests

Jody, Tim and Kent with the City of Grand Junction spoke about transportation issues, capital improvements and the Bypass (the Beltway) project. They then answered questions.

Old Business

Jim spoke about No Thoroughfare Wash. Jim and Doralyn met with Jennifer Ely about the problems with the McKeons. The RFF is working on researching easement and will pursue legal action if deemed necessary.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Will have vacancies in July – passed around nomination forms.

NCA (National Conservation Area) – Lenna hadn't gotten a hold of Russ Walker. RFC would like to have a RFC member on subcommittee.

National Trails Day – June 7th, would like to have a dedication for both new soft path trails.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update - Dusty passed around info on Old Fruita Bridge. Will be a site visit tomorrow to look at the bridge. Compton/Masterson property is in holding pattern. Appraisal higher than City wants to pay for river corridor properties. Fruita approved the combined GOCO grant. Seeking partner on Masterson property with regard to gravel. Work beginning on Little Salt Wash. Continuing work on tamarisk. Dinosaur Days has been resurrected. Looking for music festival schedule. Paul Nelson updated the group on who has been scheduled and that concertgoers will need tickets even though the concerts are still free. Will be taking over park for each concert.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Judy said the City has approved the Urban Trails Master Plan. Hasn't heard the status of outcome on the meeting with the County workshop. Retreat May 14th. Pat and Bob attended workshop and said it wasn't pleasant.

Legacy Update – Concept paper has been submitted. GOCO has decided to have Legacy round this year. If concept paper is accepted, will go onto next round. Los Colonias is included. Still more work to do. Workshop on April 29th. There is a DDA commitment to help along with the Art Center. Date will need to be changed for workshop, several can't attend. Will hear by April 24th from GOCO if made to the next round.

Fish passage for dam – Michele has copy of study for members review.

Bob needs from Joe for Janice the new trails for the \$75,000 transferred to the Riverside restroom project.

Soft Path – Mark was out of town but emailed Michele. The trail is in but the City still is working on getting post and cable in, hope to have finished in the next few months. Bill said there have been cars on the new trail. Will be submitting invoices for reimbursement from State Trails grant.

Soft Path II – Bill said his trail is done – wishes same materials used at Canyon View were used on trail. Still needs to be compacted.

Rendering Plant – Jim said he heard from CSU Extension and was told plant will be closing in May or June.

Tamarisk Coalition – Walid was unable to attend.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty said she's waiting to hear on music festival.

Educational Committee – Gabe unable to attend.

Safety Committee – Pat, Lenna, Dick and Gabe meet to resurrect the safety committee. Brad has assigned Dave Meline for State Parks. Dick has spoken with Audubon.

Trail Maps – Chris talked about what he has completed on the new map. He needs input from members to make sure he has info correctly. Will be looking for sponsorship.

Public Comment

Joan spoke about what she's used to from living in Anchorage and why she's here tonight. Wants to be more involved.

Paul stated there is a rumor going around that the music festival has been cancelled – it's alive and well.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.