

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
April 16, 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
Chris Kanaly	Walid Bou-Matar
Gabe Gabriele	Mark Gardner

Also present were Bob Cron, Diana Cort, Brad Taylor, Joe Stevens and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Walid/Dick motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Announcements

The Colorado Riverfront Concert Series (formerly the Grand Valley Music Festival) has released its schedule. Concert dates are as follows:

June 20 th – Nanci Griffith	July 2 nd – Michael Martin Murphey
August 1 st – Spyro Gyra	August 22 nd – The Association

Brad updated the group on how the park will “technically” be purchased for each concert.

This year will require tickets to enter the park. Details still to be worked out. Should be an exciting series.

City Council Workshop on May 13th to discuss Los Colonias. Pat encourages those who can attend to attend.

Old Business

Since Bill and Mark were unable to attend – dedication of soft paths - item put on hold to check their schedules. National Trails Day didn’t work for either of them.

Mark arrived – anytime after June 15th is good for him. June 22nd looked real good. Michele to check with Bill to see if that works for him.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Bennett was not present nor was Dusty. Michele did not receive an update prior to the meeting.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Diana talked about problems with County Planning Board on UTC Master Plan revisions. Retreat is May 14th. Jody Kliska has money in her budget for UTC projects.

Legacy Update – Bob talked about Art Centers plan to expand – looking at Los Colonias area. City currently has no money for Los Colonias. Have commitment from DDA for \$200,000. RFF will decide on April 25th at their meeting.

Pat asked Bob to expand on community separators. It was discovered that partners were going for Legacy grant. Wade Haerle stated only one grant would be awarded. Partners agreed to combine both.

Soft Path – Mark said trail is completed. Will be submitting letter to GOCO for reimbursement. City will be submitting invoice for cost of post and cable expense. Mark asked if anyone has used trail and any feedback. Dick said at first safety meeting, horses were being ridden on Blue Heron and is a “waste” problem. Bob stated conscience decision not to make allowance for horses.

Soft Path II – Bill unable to attend.

Rendering Plant – Paul said Al Workman appears to want to make a deal and asked why hasn't an offer been made. Thinks family is working towards agreement.

Tamarisk Coalition – Walid said nothing new to report. Thanked Bob for tour and program attended put on by BLM with regard to canal banks – very interesting. Bob added that Tim Carlson has volunteered to be director for six months to look for grant money so he could come on board as paid person. Currently looking for office space.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty was unable to attend.

Educational Committee – Gabe didn't have anything new to report.

Safety Committee – Gabe passed around minutes of their meeting. Talked about what transpired in the past. David Oswalt (GJPD) was the only prior member to attend who has history. Talked about biker's speed, blind corners – cutting back brush, mirrors and signs.

Trail Maps – Chris presented a couple of templates for group's review. Hopes to have ready by May 15th.

Public Comment

Brad talked about people using Connected Lakes – interested in comments with construction of sewer system and berm – asphalt will be gone as well as existing vegetation from the trail race to Duke Lake. Positive side – asphalt needs to be replaced and can be replaced with concrete. Brad wants feedback on possible impact. Possibility of closing entire trail for construction (fall to spring). Brad then explained how and what needs to be done with the elevation of the trail.

Joe commented that the valley is going to continue to grow and sewer system will be needed. Joe said he would evaluate the cottonwoods and keep the younger ones if the older ones must go.

Paul brought the group up to date on the Botanic Gardens long-range plan. Doesn't believe bypass will have big impact on plan, may have to modify.

Bob talked about bypass and that there is no longer a preferred alternative. The City will be getting more info on the three alternatives. City has put together a Citizen Committee Group to help with the alternatives.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.