

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
May 21, 2002**

**Call to Order**

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

Patrick Kennedy	Mark Gardner
Richard Gerhardt	Chris Kanaly
Walid Bou-Matar	Gabe DeGabriele
Bill Findlay	

Also present were Bob Cron, Janet Hollingsworth, Steve Yamashita, Paul Nelson and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Gabe stated his name was misspelled in the minutes for last month.

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

**Announcements**

The RFC office will be closed May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>.

IGA float trip is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Michele by May 31<sup>st</sup> by 2pm.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Steve Yamashita talked about brochure that DOW wants to put together that shows entity owned properties along the river. At the last IGA meeting, several other groups were interested. Bob recommended loose leaf binder so new trails, etc. could be added as they were added to the system. Pat talked about updating our trail map and Steve and Chris should get together to see what could be done to combine efforts. Chris will get together with Steve. Walid will contact Chris Cohen and have him contact Steve.

There will be a trail dedication ceremony on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am at Jr. Service League Park. Need to invite Ben Dowd, Skyline Contracting, Harold Elm, Partners and Kathy Portner and Keith Fife. Michele will get balloons, ribbons, and etc. for the ceremony.

There was no further 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 – Janet said UTC had retreat last week. Some good ideas of where to go now. Tim Sarmo helped the group to move forward with specific goals and dates for actions to achieve their goals. One of the goals is outreach and public awareness.

Legacy Update – Bob updated the group on the Riverside Bypass. State Trails office is interested in the Blue Heron soft path. State Parks has withdrawn money but still interested in building trails. Draft is out for GOCO application with final comments due by Friday. Janis with GOCO will be attending Legacy meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Everything is due by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Still have issues with 1) Los Colonias – Art Center is interested in the site for new building. DDA has committed \$200,000, as did the RFF. The RFC has asked the City for \$600,000 over a two-year period. Decision is due June 5<sup>th</sup>; 2) Eligibility guidelines are different than in past; 3) concerns about the Botanic Gardens.

State Parks had money in 2005/2006 in their quadrant but the money has been pulled for the State's Crown Jewel program. Bob is going to talk with Lyle Laverty.

Soft Path – Mark said Debbie Tracy with the State Trails office has contacted him to help with PR for the dedication ceremony. Mark has spoken with Tara regarding release of grant money. Jack Polacci (?) with State will be here June 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> to inspect the trail. Partners Crew has been working on tidying up material and pulling weeds – should look nice for Jack's tour.

Riverside Bypass – Mark said he attended meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Will meet on Wednesday's for approximately 1½ hours. Group is there to help City in making decision on alternatives available for the bypass. The committee is to help the project move forward not a recommendation of "no action". Varied \$ amounts in cost for each alternative. Want to have recommendation by October to move forward.

Soft Path II – Bill said they need to go back and cut back some of the brush.

Rendering Plant – Paul was unable to attend. Paul Nelson said his office has the listing and he's meet with the broker in his office to help with how a deal can be put together.

Tamarisk Coalition – Walid said nothing new to report. He then talked about DOE trail – should be something RFC should look at. Blacks Bridge is a problem. Walid said all entities are brainstorming on how all can work together to make community better.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty was unable to attend.

Educational Committee – Gabe said still working on and developing program. Gabe and Chris have meet to work on school programs at the river.

Safety Committee – Dick passed around copy of minutes. Set priorities. Trail markers will be project. Markers will have RFC logo with ¼ mile markings and trail name. Need funding for logos and markers. Paul N. said to find out how many would be needed and the cost and then ask for a grand from the RFF.

Trail Maps – Chris showed the group what he has done on the map. Chris will be picking up what students are working on this Thursday. Talked about sponsorship. Can do map and web hot links.

### **Public Comment**

Paul Nelson talked about the concert series. Tickets are going really fast – good thing. Receiving lots of complaints about not getting tickets – bad thing. Paul asked everyone to listen to what people are saying so we can evaluate at the end of the season.

There was no further public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.