

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
July 16, 2002**

Call to Order

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

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

Also present were Bob Cron, Brad Taylor, Patrick Kennedy and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Paul/Chris motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Announcements

Reminder that starting in August the RFC will be emailing minutes to members (Dick's will be mailed) all others can access them at the City's website.

Old Business

Lenna thanked Pat for all his efforts on RFC/UTC and the Foundation. Mark also thanked him. Lenna then presented rock to Pat. Pat told the group to cherish the connections they meet while being on the RFC and know that their efforts are making a difference.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Will start selling t-shirts and bottle water at next two concerts. Michele passed around a sign up sheet. Will be splitting the money raised with State Parks for turf. Discussed why concerts are free and how the series came about.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty said new City Manager has started. They have a new appraisal on Compton property. Dusty hopes when we have meeting in Fruita that the new City Manager can be there. Turned down for grants applied for. Still working on Little Salt Wash. Bi-Annual survey has gone out and comments are coming in with “bike paths”. Dusty said she’s getting good and bad comments about the concert series. Still looking at band shelter at Reed Park. Amphitheater possibility for Little Salt Wash.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Robert is getting agreement to Dan Wilson. Outreach is looking to participate at expo portion of Tour of the Valley in August. Working on adding their own information to RFC website. Will be working on safety concerns and issues when Birgit gets back from Germany. Making final changes to UTC Master Plan will have to go back to City Council and explain changes. Will be undertaking a signing project.

Legacy Update – Bob thinks Mesa Land Trust has closed on 15 acres up 35 Road. Working on power point presentation. GOCO Board will be here for field trip on August 22nd. Then we go to Denver on August 26th for presentation. Will be doing practice presentation next Wednesday at Legacy meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and see it. He’s going to call Janis and see if any the members on the Board would like to stay for the August 22nd concert. If any do – will need extra tickets. Bob will get back with Michele if he should need any tickets.

Bob added comments about Davis, CA – they have a wonderful greenway. Community is about the size of Grand Junction. Trails connect all subdivisions built in last 20 years. Bob said there is lots of support by residents living there.

Riverside Bypass – Mark took tour of proposed bypass. During tour they explained each route and good/bad of each. Next meeting is July 24th with estimation of each route. Mark asked Lorna with the Botanic Gardens to attend tonight, however she was unable to attend. She has a map with overlays showing how it would affect the gardens. Paul said they are meeting with the City in early August and stake out what it would look like so they can see first hand the impact.

Bob reminded everyone about Randy Schneider with the Corp. of Engineers being killed in a car accident.

Rendering Plant – Paul talked about rendering plant. Paul spoke with Jim Baughman – not real sure if they will use large building for staging. Pat gave Paul name of someone and Paul called him. Property wouldn’t work because it’s not contaminated. Paul then talked with realtor but his ideas would not work for RFC. Gabe said Housing Authority might be interested if it could be rezoned to residential. them. Brad asked about Parcels

Tamarisk Coalition – Paul said Tim was in DC trying to get funding – doesn't think they got any.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty said Fruita is working on Little Salt Wash project and that they hope to get some adults because Partners Crews can't use the tools.

Safety Committee – Dick said there is a possible source for markers, stencils – no money. Doesn't have cost estimate, working on getting one together. Working on getting exact distance so know how many markers would be needed. Other partners said they would install them themselves. Next meeting will have County person and someone from Sheriff's department. Gabe has been directed to Pete Baier for printing through County.

Bob said State Trails Grants are due in December and granted in March. Lots of money out there just have to have package before going and asking for money.

Educational Committee – Gabe nothing to report.

Trail Maps – Chris showed the group what has been done on the map. Software has virus so currently at a stopping point. He's looking for pictures of enjoyment of trail use. He asked about extending maps and getting from Island Acres to Fruita. Possibility of State Parks with website info. Chris is looking for photos. Bob directed him to Keith Fife and Michael Warren. Referred him to Brian Mahoney. Dusty thinks it's important to have history and info about RFC. Lenna asked about timeline. Chris said he'd like to have in next few weeks – so he can bring back to group at next meeting.

Public Comment

Bob asked if everyone knew office is moving. Michele filled everyone in on what's going on.

Brad wanted to thank Bill for all his efforts with a "Year of Trails" shirt from the State.

Brad then thanked Pat for all his efforts. He gave Pat a shirt too.

Brad talked about two major construction projects at Connected Lakes. There are four options – do nothing, do both, do berm or do sewer. There are other issues still in the works. Waiting on other entities to make decision.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.