

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
August 20, 2002**

Call to Order

Co-Chairs, Lenna Watson and Mark Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Those present were:

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

Also present were Tim Fry and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Gabe stated that there were some corrections needed to the meetings. Corrections: UTC – “adding they own” should be adding their own. Safety – “stencils – no money” should be there currently is no money. Trail Maps – “getting form” should be getting from.

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

Announcements

Welcomed John and Eric. Introductions made around the room.

Old Business

Discussed sign up sheet for August 22nd concert.

Walid volunteered to be on the UTC.

Mark talked about newspaper articles. Comments made on positive tone of the article.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Mark and Lenna attended the Parks Board meeting and their Board would like to send a representative to attend the RFC meetings.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty passed around handout with pictures of projects being done in Fruita. Something they'd like to have all developers do. Lots being done but slow process. Michele gave Dusty telephone number for Robert Colener with REI who has group looking for a project.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Tim gave brief background on UTC for new members. Working on prioritizing list of what UTC would like to have done. Have PR group that is working on educating the public on UTC's mission. Will be at the Tour of the Valley gathering information and handing out maps. Looking at other ways to work better with City and County so projects don't get missed.

Legacy Update – Bob was unable to attend. He's update on Little Salt Wash Dusty spoke about. Mesa Land Trust completed a 32-acre Conservation Easement west of Palisade. July 1st Annual Report has gone to GOCO. GOCO field review on August 22nd and presentation in Denver on August 27th.

Riverside Bypass – Mark said they are talking about costs of alternatives. There is a concern with the 5th Street and Hwy. 50 bridge and alternatives and the effects each would have on trails and the Botanic Gardens. Mark stated he would be attending the meeting tomorrow.

Rendering Plant – Paul gave a brief history of the rendering plant and RFC's interest. Paul spoke with Al Workman and was told the family still can't agree on what to do. There are currently no interested buyers. Paul would like to work with buyers for open space.

Tamarisk Coalition – Paul was unable to attend last week's meeting.

Paul added that the Botanical Society met with the City Council at the Gardens. Did have a bit of a heated discussion during the meeting. Still issues and concerns with the Corp of Engineers.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty thinks it would be nice if all members volunteered for concerts. Michele told her she's spoken with Mike Heaston about Adventure Race.

Safety Committee – Gabe gave brief history. Group is working on trail markers. Will be meeting next week.

Educational Committee – Gabe gave history and stated that Chris will be helping him. Will be getting back to the project now that school is in session.

Trail Maps – Chris stated he is looking for photos with people using the trails. Lenna and Mark gave an October 1st deadline for the map to be printed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.