

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
September 17, 2002**

Call to Order

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

Lenna Watson	Mark Gardner
Paul Jones	Gabe DeGabriele
Walid Bou-Matar	Dusty Dunbar
Eric Marquez	

Also present were Bob Cron, Keith Fife, Jamie Lummis and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Need volunteers for the Kokopelli Adventure Race – members were going to check their schedules. Michele will call Pat Kennedy.

Legacy Steering Meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm upstairs.

Old Business

Bob introduced Keith Fife. They then did Legacy GOCO slide presentation. After presentation Bob explained the grant process. He stated some are complicated and some are fairly simple. When preparing a grant, plan to have done long before it's due and mail it in before the due date.

Dusty asked how well our project stacked up against the other projects. Bob said pretty good. He said there is about \$19 million available. He then explained the quadrants and how they are funded.

Thanked Keith for being here.

Jamie asked how projects will be funded if RFC doesn't get all \$ amount requested. Bob said they had to submit a list of project priorities.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty updated everyone on continuing work on Little Salt Wash. Pleased with the Partners' work. Have new members on the Planning Commission and Council has trail advocates. Dusty wants to get RFC to attend next meeting in Fruita (October 15 at 5:15pm to 5:30pm) at 325 East Aspen.

Fruita is hosting mobile trip with the State Wide Planning Conference being held in Grand Junction.

Tamarisk is being taken care of by paid crew.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Jamie said he has spoken with Greg Strong on Redlands Power and Water. Will be meeting with them with agreement and agreement for the City. Area in discussion is Redlands Parkway southwest up to active canal behind Renaissance subdivision to South Camp. Redlands Power and Water is in process of selling property where easement is to go.

Looking for more members. Paul Jones referred Bill Martin to UTC.

Legacy Update – Bob updated everyone about Old Spanish Trail. Also learned that there is a substantial bill in Congress for about \$80 million tamarisk eradication for a four state area. Working on interruptive signs for Confluence.

Riverside Bypass – Been narrowed down to two plans. Mark said Planners still favor southern route. Haven't been able to answer what if's and costs.

Rendering Plant – Paul said nothing to report.

Paul did mention idea for concert ticket distribution for next year – coupon in the paper with self-addressed envelope. Jamie added Foundation members should get them.

Tamarisk Coalition – Nothing to report

Volunteer Committee – Dusty is still looking for volunteers for the Kokopelli Adventure Race.

Safety Committee – Gabe showed samples of markers Safety wants to use on the trails. State Parks will install their own, so will the City of Grand Junction. Will talk to Job Corp or Partners to use for areas where there might not be staff to install. Said they will order 200 (150 needed). Lenna asked him if there is anything RFC should be aware of. Gabe said they hope to install by April. Safety will not meet again to January due to Gabe being on medical leave. He can be reached at gabe@wic.net

Educational Committee – Nothing to report.

Trail Maps – Chris was unable to attend. Lenna said she did see him recently at the mall.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.