

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
October 15, 2002**

5:30pm to 6:20pm

Group ate dinner provided by Dusty Dunbar and her husband Steve Bolton. At 6pm Bennett talked about the items on the handout entitled "Fruita Riverfront Project Status October 15, 2000". He brought everyone up to date on what's happening in Fruita and future plans. RFC thanked Fruita for hosting the meeting and their City Manager, council and planning commissioners for attending.

Call to Order

Co-Chair, Lenna Watson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Those present were:

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

Also present were Bob Cron, Ken Scissors and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

November meeting will be in Palisade – time and location to be announced.
December there will be no meeting, just the social – time and location to be announced.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mark talked about Doug Fassbinder's plan for a bridge on the Van Gundy Confluence property. Doug is looking to the RFC to build the bridge. Mark informed him that the RFC is interested in an easement on the tip of the property but that the RFC isn't interested in/nor can the RFC build the bridge. Bob said bridge over 5th Street would be eligible for Federal Gas Tax Money.

Lenna passed around information on the State Trails Grant applications due November 29th. Pages four and five were missing and had necessary information about the grants Michele to get a copy to Eric and Dick.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty said she's working on Little Salt Wash on Saturday.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Ken stated they've been revising the revisions of UTC Master Plan. Computer mapping programs didn't jive and have to go back and make corrections. City adopted but County hasn't and won't until canal trails are removed from map. Dan Wilson is working with UTC and Redlands Water and Power. UTC is currently working on agreement with GVIC. Have trail for Redlands area.

County staff is trying to educate planning commission that UTC Master Plan and UTC are only asking for approval of changes, they can't hold up process because canal banks weren't added in the revision, they were already on the previous agreed upon map. Keith Fife suggested joint workshop.

Legacy Update – Nothing to report on grant yet. GOCO told Bob they would be doing follow up but haven't heard from them. DOW has been removed from the Legacy grant application. Bob reluctantly wrote letter requesting it be removed. Decision is made in December. Bob is confident we'll get substantial \$ amount.

Bob talked about the Phillips easement in Palisade.

Bob mentioned small article in The Denver Post. Current survey shows support growing for open space. He also talked about his recent trip to Nova Scotia; the RFC vision is not only national but also international.

Informed group that Legacy members are looking for coordinator to replace him. Anyone interested needs to contact Bob for info. Deadline is end of October.

Riverside Bypass – Lenna said it's been an interesting process. Mark asked if everyone read article. Newest option is the only one that has consensus from everyone. Mark thinks it will be an easy alternative for the City. Mark likes idea of staying out of flood plan.

Rendering Plant – Paul said he talked to realtor today, nothing. Have a contract on parcel across the road.

Tamarisk Coalition – John H. updated group on getting Articles of Incorporation done, their 501 (c) 3 has been approved by the IRS. Have five committees. Tim has been working on senate bill, which has been put on hold until after election. Bill would be for \$12 million for six states (Four Corners, Texas and California) with \$2 million per state per year for six years. Will be asking RFF to be pass through again for National Fish and Wildlife grant. Bob added that Tim Carlson feels drought has had a lot of interest in the tamarisk. Tim has done a fantastic job for the past year without pay.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty thanked Kokopelli Adventure Race volunteers. RFF received a \$1,000 donation from Event Marketing.

Safety Committee – Gabe unable to attend but he told Michele the group would be meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Educational Committee – Nothing to report.

Trail Maps – Chris was unable to attend. Mark has been talking with Chris so that we can get printing cost. Looking for sponsors to help with cost. Asked what the cost would be, Michele said don't know until she can get a copy of the map to the printer.

Public Comment

John G. asked about Chambers map. Group didn't know but need to check it out.

Paul said he's been talking to someone who recently moved here from Denver and they talked about increased property value of properties along trails and that properties never go to market because the sell before.

Bob feels issues with canal banks will start to change with election and will continue to change in years to come.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.