

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
January 21, 2003**

**Call to Order**

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

Lenna Watson	Mark Gardner
Paul Jones	John Gormley
Walid Bou-Matar	Gabe DeGabriele
Bill Findlay	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Joe Stevens and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Walid pointed out that he was not at the November meeting so he couldn't have approved the minutes.

John/Walid. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

Retreat will be Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, here. Lunch will be provided. Michele said all that are invited to the IGA meetings are invited to the retreat. Invitations will be mailed.

Dusty asked if an action plan would be done. Co-chairs would like to talk with Tim Sarmo and see what he suggests. Mark said RFC is very dependent on partners to help accomplish goals. Mark would like to see RFC members more involved with partners' meetings and then report back to RFC. Need to prioritize actions. Dusty would like to see more action taken from ideas. Perhaps can focus on two or three goals to work on in the coming year.

Terms – Walid, Gabe, Dusty and Bill's terms expire June 30<sup>th</sup>. Members are not term limited. Let Lenna, Mark or Michele know if will be re-upping.

Bob said there is a Greenway Steering Team meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the conference room upstairs.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Joe said the City would be moving residents off Watson Island. Good news/bad news kind of thing, they now will move to other areas of town.

Mark asked if members received invitation to thank you luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Two Rivers.

Joe said there is a movement to name a section of trail after former trail host George Lindenburg. Joe explained that the City has a policy of criteria regarding that sort of thing because they don't like naming facilities after people.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Dusty said Bennett is still working on Snooks Bottom. BLM showing more interest in it too. Bennett has asked the RFC to urge County to have policy for right of first refusal with companies doing new gravel pits within the County. Mark stated that tying a restriction on permits would cause problems for the developers. Bob said asking for trail easement would seem easier than land ownership. Dusty said the time to do something is now not 20 years from now. Joe said this is something the City is now doing, because if it's gotten upfront, easier down the road. Still have problems with the canal trails.

Palisade Update – There was nothing report to Michele from Palisade.

Urban Trails Committee – Walid said looking for new members. Co-chairs still talking and working with GVIC.

Legacy Update – Bob reminded everyone that we were unsuccessful with last Legacy grant in December. John Alder has left Palisade. Vivian Touve is acting.

Bob said have shifted some funds that hadn't been used: there was still money left from the Redlands Boat Takeout and Mount Garfield Middle School. Will move forward with New Emerson site across from Watson Island and the other is Palisade is proposing 1500 feet of trail using the Collbran Jobs Corp. Will fund first year of trail for Palisade.

Applying for GOCO planning grant. DOW providing matching funds. Should hear by March. Asking for \$19,000. Signs for Master Plan would be from Island Acres to Fruita.

Couple of grant cycles this spring, open space and local community due in March.

GOCO will be discussing next fiscal year 2004 in May.

Lenna said Bob would be on board for one more year. Will start looking for his replacement in late summer.

Riverside Bypass – Lenna said, “thank God it’s done”.

Rendering Plant – Paul said nothing to report.

Tamarisk Coalition – Paul said haven’t heard a word. Dusty said Fruita contracted with Western Colorado Conservation Corp and cut about an acre of tamarisk. The Partners Restitution Crew was used on the creek side.

Volunteer Committee – Dusty said nothing to report.

Safety Committee – Gabe said they are meeting tomorrow morning at the Sheriff’s office. Waiting to hear on safety grant (sometime in March). Gabe thanked Bob and Michele for all their efforts in helping with the additional items missing from the original submission.

Educational Committee – Lenna thought this was going to be removed from the agenda. Michele reminded her that she was told to keep on the agenda until the retreat.

Trail Maps – Lenna stated that RFC has received \$950 towards the cost of printing the maps. Mark thinks a couple of the bike shops are interested. Asked if Gene Taylors was contacted, Michele said they were sent a letter.

General Discussion – Lenna asked about RFC member attending Parks Board meetings – Joe and Bob reminded her that Bob is the liaison.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.