

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
March 18, 2003**

**Call to Order**

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

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| Lenna Watson    | Eric Marquez  |
| John Gormley    | Dick Gerhardt |
| Walid Bou-Matar | Dusty Dunbar  |

Also present were Bob Cron, Judy Craddock, Tillie Bishop and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Quorum not present.

Quorum present - John/Walid. Motion passed.

RFC office will be closed March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements**

Lenna announced the concert schedule. She stated each commissioner would be asked to work one concert. Everyone needs to check their schedules and have concert they will work for next meeting.

**Old Business**

Lenna asked if anyone had questions about the retreat. There were none.

There was no further old business.

**New Business**

Judy informed everyone what UTC is doing for the June 21<sup>st</sup> celebration. The plan is to have the Botanic Gardens participate on "Explore the Trails" centered at the gardens. This just for public awareness and to get the public to come down and become familiar with this trail. UTC is asking RFC to support the event. Judy is going to solicit donations. Lenna said she'd volunteer to help. Bob explained interruptive signs might be ready, could do dedication at same time (if they're ready).

Also working on PSA's for "share the road".

Michele explained Bob Wilson's desire for the restrooms at the Nature Center and how they will need to tear up some of the Audubon trail to hook up to the sewer. RFC said that he would need to talk to the County but that the RFC supports the Audubon's desire for the restrooms.

Eric said he is trying to connect with CDOT for \$300,000 in enhancement funds that are available to Mesa County. He and Bob are hoping to meeting with Casey Peters with CDOT. Funds are not available until 2004.

John asked when the 29 Road bridge is to be constructed. Everyone seemed to remember it being 2006/2007.

Lenna commented on letter to County. Tillie said letter was forwarded to planning for their comments.

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Dusty stated they are busy trying to spend money for valued properties around trails. Karen Lenhardt is trying to spend money on Little Salt Wash trail paving. Little Salt Wash Park has a couple of plans and put into high gear to put in trails around perimeter of ag land. This land is currently in ag lease. City Manager, Clint Kinney is interested in trails and trail management.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Judy gave earlier.

Legacy Update – Bob said GOCO Board is in process of adopting changes to process, as we know it. Possibility of funding projects once a year or longer. Nothing in plans for Legacy projects. Bob has letter for Lenna to review that is due March 26<sup>th</sup>. Tillie said the County is asking for delay on decision until they hold statewide open meetings.

Current GOCO contract is winding down. Money needs to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Will have to ask for extension. Bob said next Legacy meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Joe Stevens' office at 1:30pm. Bob said projects are moving along, \$2+ million with \$1.2 million being State Park.

Tamarisk Coalition – Bob said the tamarisk membership is up over 300. There is great interest in tamarisk because of drought. Possible funding may be available from Congress for research. Have hired Tim Carlson full time and have ambitious budget for next year.

Rendering Plant – Paul said nothing to report.

Safety Committee – Dick said waiting to hear on grant soon. Members are going to check out trails for safety issues. Also looking at doggie bags on all trails.

Educational Committee – Waiting for commission member to chair.

Trail Maps – Chris unable to attend.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul out of town but emailed Michele stating he is waiting to hear from Brad.

Fruit to Wildlife – Dusty working on updating ownership.

Gunnison – John trying to find contact for railroad. Walid is on ? committee and missed first meeting.

Eric has 8:30am meeting with Bennett and Catherine on Friday. Dusty has given him all maps to see what Fruita has done.

Lenna asked if Dusty was attending NCA meetings. Dusty said sometimes. Eric said that Catherine would like for RFC to attend. Michele will email Eric minutes she received via email.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.