

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
April 15, 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	Eric Marquez
John Gormley	Dick Gerhardt
Walid Bou-Matar	Bill Findlay
Dusty Dunbar	

Also present were Bob Cron, Pete Winn, Diana Cort, Mary Ann Jacobson, Pete Atkinson and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Comment made that under Committee Report is should say Fruita to Walker Wildlife not Fruita to Wildlife. Michele will correct.

John motioned to approve the minutes, Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements

Old Spanish Trail celebration is April 19th at 10:30am.

Intergovernmental meeting is April 17th at 7:00am.

Sign up sheets for the concert series were passed around.

Mark and Lenna announced Paul Jones would be new co-chair, replacing Lenna in June.

Discussed 2003 concert series and ticket distribution sights and times.

Old Business

Mark said Tim Woodmansee has sent letter stating Bypass meetings will be starting up again with regard to the Bypass going east.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Pete Winn handed out sheets with Overview of Whitewater Parks. Stated Grand Junction Water Club is looking to get a water park here. Hoping to get support from Riverfront Commission so they can go to Mesa County to get their approval. If successful, would like to go for GOCO funds using partners in fish ladder for match.

Talked about boaters using fish ladder and importance of safe boat passage and whitewater park. Sees it as a great benefit for boaters.

Still long way to go before waterpark is built, especially in getting Mesa County's approval.

Pete then answered questions. Pete (242-7108) said he had video available if anyone was interested. He added that BOR wants plans by October, construction fall of 2004.

Mark asked the group to come back with additional information as they get it.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty announced she is leaving the City of Fruita and going to work for Mesa County. Fruita is still working on land acquisition. Trying to spend GOCO money along Little Salt Wash. About to let contract for trail in Little Salt Wash Park.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Diana stated UTC is working on canal banks with GVIC. Will test area from 25 Road to 32 Road. City Council has approved responses to GVIC's concerns. Botanic Gardens will participate in event on June 21st.

Legacy Update – Bob said he is working on contract extension for Legacy funds. Will request 90 days first (could have all projects done). If need to extend further, Bob would need to go to Denver and make request before the Board.

GOCO Board has made proposed changes to GOCO procedures. A second a meeting has been scheduled later to review proposed changes from first meeting. Changes proposed are to go to longer grant cycle and no Legacy program.

Snooks Bottom – Trust for Public Lands has become involved in the purchase of this for Fruita. Dusty added that Clint Kinney (Fruita City Manager) is trying to craft deal with Comptons.

Tamarisk Coalition – Nothing new to report.

Safety Committee – Gabe unable to attend. Will be canceling early morning meeting and hoping to move to noon. Dick said they haven't heard on grant. GJPD has driven transients out of their jurisdiction, unfortunately, County has island in river where most of them have moved.

Trail Maps – Chris unable to attend but Michele is hoping the maps will be ready by the end of the week.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul said he's still waiting to hear from Brad.

Public Relations/Marketing – Lenna said there is a "Danni" interested in being a commissioner and has PR experience.

Fruit to Walker Wildlife – Dusty has been working on right of way inventory.

Gunnison Corridor – Walid said they'd be having a meeting soon. John said attempting to identify property owners (100 parcels of ground, 25 are public, Mesa County, Redlands Water & Power, BLM and BOR has some). There are five large private owners (Rick Schroeder, Climbers and Sharmers (?)) with significant parcels of land. Still working on railroad right of way.

Fruita to Horsethief – Eric said at retreat there were so many options. In meeting with Catherine, Palma and Bennett, Fruita has done a great deal of planning with different goals, which Fruita wants BLM and NPS to include in their long range plans which are both due in September. Eric said spent great deal of time working on obstacles to getting to Skipper Island. Discussed Old Fruita Bridge to State Park and Dinosaur Hill. Kind of in maintenance until he hears further.

General Comment

Lenna spoke about getting plans for opportunities for trails. Plans received from Fruita. Lenna passed plans around for comments.

Dusty asked about traveling meetings. Will discuss at noon meeting at get back at next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.