

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 17, 2003**

Call to Order

Co-Chair, Lenna Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Those present were:

Lenna Watson	Gabe DeGabriele
John Gormley	Bill Findlay
Paul Jones	Eric Marquez
Chris Kanaly	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Palma Wilson, Don Hobbs, Brad Taylor, (guest - Jean and husband) and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Palma Wilson with the Colorado National Monument gave a history of the Monument and the National Park Service. She talked about expansion of the monument going west to the Colorado National Conservation Area (BLM managed) both agencies are working together. Talked about differences between BLM management and Monument. She passed out handouts and talked about the CNM Management Prescriptions (draft 2003). Alternative B preferred choice. Will be briefing County Commissioners later in the month and the Congressional delegates. Change for A and B – more education. Talked about fees collected and how it's used within the park. Working on updating exhibits ad trail rehab. Discussed visitation numbers. Talked about traffic issues and solutions to solve problems but road is on registry so can't really change road width. She said fire is a next big concern for them. Also talked about Dougway Trail on Fruita side. Talked about Road Builders Day Celebration and eight road builders showed up, some in their

90's and one was 104! Talked about Homeland Security and how staff could be moved to other areas.

Group thanked Palma for coming.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Bennett was unable to attend and nothing was reported to Michele.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Janet spoke about celebration on June 21st at Botanic Gardens (9am to noon), they need volunteers. Will have some refreshments and pass out maps and talk about trails. Still working on canal trails on north side with signage (30 Road to 12th Street), have agreed not to show on public trail maps. June 25th is Bike to Work Day.

Legacy Update – Bob was pleased that Tommy Collins with Palisade attended Legacy meeting. They have completed another ¼ mile of trail. Fruita – Compton land acquisition appears to be dead. Will now focus monies on Snooks Bottom. Will Shafroth with Colorado Conservation Trust and his organization is interested in land for Mesa County. Should hear within month or so.

GOCO will be meeting in Montrose on June 26th for proposed rules (original changes were counter to what public felt) new changes appear to be okay. No Legacy funds for 2004. Contract extension, were given 60 days rather than 90 days as requested. Board will be meeting on October 3rd for additional extension requests.

Tamarisk Coalition – Nothing new to report.

Rendering Plant – Paul said he heard from someone with the Humane Society expressing interest in the pig property.

Safety Committee – Eric has agreed to chair this committee since Gabe is leaving. Gabe stated they didn't get grant money for signage. Members are going back to entities to put together list of safety issues.

Education – New committee member.

Trail Maps – Chris had to leave early but Michele updated the group on having less than 2,000 maps left out of 10,000 printed. Paul stated that REI is interested in being a sponsor.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul said will meet with property owners and Brad to work out a deal.

Public Relations/Marketing – New committee member.

Fruit to Walker Wildlife – Dusty said made good contact for right-of-way. Still needs more contact from railroad. She said she is still working on gathering info.

Gunnison Corridor – John hasn't had time to talk with Walid since he's out of the country.

Fruita to Horsethief – Eric said need to re-evaluate the goals of the committee.

General Comment

Lenna thanked Bill and Gabe for the service on the Committee and awarded them a pen set and Certificate of Appreciation.

Dusty asked again about changing meeting time 5:30 pm. Lenna said it was tabled until new members are on board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.