

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting  
July 15, 2003**

**Call to Order**

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

Mark Gardner	Paul Jones
John Gormley	Lenna Watson
Dick Gerhardt	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Tim Fry, Tillie Bishop, Joe Stevens and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Announcements**

Paul Jones was welcomed as new co-chair.

Mark thanked Lenna for all her work and efforts as co-chair.

Chris Kanaly has resigned.

Walid/Lenna are on schedule for July 31<sup>st</sup> concert.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Mark mentioned Dusty's email about Loma/Mack area. Dusty said County is holding meeting tonight to talk with community about development. She feels great opportunity for RFC member to be involved because of multi-modal and trail opportunities will be there. Mark thought Eric might be interested since his committee is looking for new goal.

Tillie stated that the area between Fruita and Mack is a fast growing area and can no longer be considered rural. Dusty is involved with plan for her position with the County.

She just wanted to know RFC's interest. Lenna motioned that Dusty keep RFC informed so that if RFC member needs to become involved, she can put on agenda. Mark second. Motion passed.

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Bennett was unable to attend. Dusty said pouring concrete at Little Salt Wash and paving at Creekside. Fencing is also to be going up but not sure when.

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

Urban Trails Committee – Tim talked about what the group has been working on. Updating and revising the UTC Master Plan. Putting together education program. Had June 21<sup>st</sup> event at Botanic Gardens, good turn out with great input from people who stopped by. Excited about new project of going to major employers to put together bike to work program with incentives for employees and employers. Still working on canal trails along City property. Lenna asked Joe if Shawn was still involved. Joe said yes. Tim thanked the City for efforts of Jody, Shawn and George. Mark and Lenna asked about new members, Tim stated still interviewing.

Legacy Update – Bob updated everyone on Price Stubb project and meeting he attended last week. Bob said the Bureau would be willing to include concrete trail of about 900' at sometime if RFC can come up with money. Bob said he's been asked to write a Local Community GOCO grant that he said is doable if he gets the info. Paul asked if project would go without Jacobson. Bob said it depends. He added that the Fish and Wildlife said they would allow rafts through fish ladder but not kayaks.

Palisade High School is done and request for reimbursement has been submitted. Audubon is done and request for reimbursement has been submitted. Restrooms at Riverside are done, will be submitting request for reimbursement soon.

No Legacy program for 2004 and won't know if one for 2005 until late in 2004. GOCO has upped \$ amount for Open Space and Community Separator with two grant cycles.

He has to hit the October deadline for Price Stubbs.

Bob will encourage Partners who have ready to go projects to go ahead and apply for grants.

John asked about Snooks Bottom. Bob updated on status of moving forward.

Tamarisk Coalition – Paul said he read \$6 million being sponsored in Congress. Tillie said Club 20 updated on what they were told, "it will never go away".

Rendering Plant – Paul said it doesn't look like the Humane Society will be able to afford to purchase the property.

Safety Committee – Eric was unable to attend.

Education – New committee member.

Trail Maps – Mark said Chris had been working on the map and currently down to 1,100 out of 10,000 printed. Need to get project going again. John said he'd be happy to work on it.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul said he's still trying to connect with Brad Taylor. John asked Paul to email owners' names.

Public Relations/Marketing – New committee member.

Fruit to Walker Wildlife – Dusty said she hasn't had much time to work on project.

Gunnison Corridor – John said he too hasn't had much time but he has been at a real estate class that covered railroad easements and right of ways. Believe info is in Gunnison and granted in territorial acts. Someone has acts in files but will need to research. Lenna added that she's amazed at all the new info we've discover in researching the retreat projects. Bob said John should contact Bob Norman at BOR.

Fruita to Horsethief – Eric was unable to attend.

### **Public Comment**

Tillie asked if RFC has welcomed new town manager of Palisade. He also reviewed the names of who will be interviewed for RFC vacant positions. He said County continues to back Conservation Easements and development rights. He commented that some GOCO Board members aren't for perpetuity easements; they believe 20 years is long enough. Tillie said GOCO meeting in Montrose was poorly attended, only four people at the meeting. Bob said at Board meeting they had about 10. Tillie said there really needs to be a show of support. He said he's not happy about co-mingled funds with National Resource. Distribution of funds over a ten-year period too long, felt three to five years would be better.

Joe added what the Parks & Recreational Association has been dealing with regarding GOCO Board. GOCO Board said they'd like to see more elected officials at Board meetings.

Tillie talked about water park and potential of economic benefits to communities. Dan Isral, a water attorney from Boulder would like to come talk to County Commissioners.

Video Lottery – Tillie talked about proposal. Located only in greyhound and horse tracks. Initiative would up % of GOCO funds, some would go to tourism, conservation trust and education and then general fund. Tillie thinks perhaps a letter or resolution of support would be good.

Kathy Clark with BLM recently met with County Commissioners. Commissioners made proposal of auctioning off orphaned or hard to access BLM lands. Will take Congressional action, which would help rid the BLM of unattractive properties.

Tillie then talked about Walking Trails Program and RV travelers using trails and getting stamps in passports. Thinks this is a great idea.

Rode bikes a couple of weeks ago at Watson Island. Really, really disappointed, area needs a real clean up.

Joe said the City Council would like to meeting with RFC on one of the following dates, 11/3 or 11/7 for noon luncheon at Two Rivers. Group picked 11/3.

Joe asked for any ideas on project, this is a good time because he's working on budget. Lenna asked if UTC should be involved. Joe said Shawn is handling.

Dusty mentioned she'd be contacting everyone about Walkable Communities with Dan Berdan. A new application will be submitted so she'll be asking for partners for letters of support.

There was no further public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.