

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting
October 21, 2003**

Call to Order

Co-Chair, Mark Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Those present were:

Mark Gardner	Paul Jones	John Gormley
Eric Marquez	Dani Weigand Knopp	Dusty Dunbar
Dennis DeVore	Dan McClean	Michael Kuzminski
Dick Gerhardt		

Also present were Brad Taylor, Bob Cron, Rob Bleiberg, Steve Moore, Robert Traylor and Michele Rohrbach.

Did introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes

John/Paul. Motion passed.

Announcements

Reminded everyone about the November 3rd luncheon with City Council at Two Rivers at 11:30am. Bob suggested RFC members have points to discuss with Council members.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Discussed moving meeting time to 5:30pm. Mark polled members. Decision made to keep at 7:00pm for now. Dusty will ask to revisit at a later date.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Rob with Mesa Land Trust gave presentation and then took questions. Group thanked Rob for coming.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Fruita Update – Dusty relayed to Mark that lots of use on Little Salt Wash.

Palisade Update – Bob said Palisade is working with WATER Club on water park.

Urban Trails Committee – Robert updated members on No Thoroughfare Wash and proposed trail along wash. Currently working on outline and plans to go for it. Want to get volunteers to get trail down. Looking at hard surface.

Robert talked about City being sued by GVIC for planning of recreational trails on canal roads. City must respond by November 3rd. Dan Wilson is asking for input from people whom have used the canal roads. Bob asked why the change of course for GVIC. Robert wasn't sure. Bob also gave Robert a name of someone who told him that he's been using the trails for a long period of time.

Mark said in the past, there has been a RFC member on UTC and if there is currently a member that is interested to please attend the noon RFC Wednesday meeting.

Mark added that he's talked with Mr. Clark (the owner of land down by No Thoroughfare Wash).

Legacy Update – Bob reminded everyone of Legacy meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm. He stated grant time done and extension granted. Fruita completed about one mile of trail on Little Salt Wash, their project is now done. New Emerson School – outdoor kiosk should be done in December. State Park was granted one-year extension.

Bob stated that Dan McClean was interested in doing tour and wanted to know if other new members and Steve could go. Talked about November 1st starting at 9am at the Botanic Gardens parking lot.

Tamarisk Coalition – Symposium is tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. Mark said he was at Highline State Park for tamarisk clean up.

Safety Committee – Eric said he and Janet Hollingsworth with UTC are currently working on grant for signs. Dick added that Bluebird Bob said he had posts.

Education Committee – Mark informed members of what this committee is and that a new chair is needed. Michael said he'd be interested.

Trail Map Committee – Dani and John have talked about proposed changes to new map. Dani talked about ideas they are kicking around. She added her company would donate time.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul and Brad Taylor have met with owner of property on 28 Rd., she's more amenable to talking. Paul will be contacting her tomorrow. This would allow trail from Rendering Plant to Corn Lake.

Rendering Plant – Paul said it looks as if things will begin to move forward. RFF has pledged \$100,000 toward project.

Public Relations/Marketing – Mark talked about what RFC is looking for. John/Dani want to merge with trail map committee.

Fruita to Walker Wildlife – Bob said planning meeting for Dupont property has been postponed. Talked about whom from RFF is watching and how to proceed. Brad reminded group that funding would need to be found.

Gunnison – John said he didn't have anything really to report. He asked Mark about Whitewater's interest in coming to Grand Junction. Mark said he's willing to help. John will call Walid. John and Mark to meet.

Fruita to Horsethief – Eric said Fruita has had second study done on Old Fruita Bridge. Eric wants to sit down with Bennett and discuss alternative choices to get a bridge across the river.

Bob talked about trail away from river to Hwy 340 to Horsethief. Steve Yamashita doesn't mind going into Horsethief but not close to river.

Public Comment

Brad asked Michele if there is a new directory. She said yes, just needs to make copies.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.