

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**245-0045**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**November 18, 2003**

**Call to Order**

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

Paul Jones	Lenna Watson	Dennis Devore
Dan McClean	Michael Kuzminski	John Gormley
Dani Weigand Knopp	Mark Garnder	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Patty Gelatt, Janet Hollingsworth, Bob Cron, Steve Moore and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dennis/Dan. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

There will be no RFC meeting in December.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Patty with US Fish & Wildlife passed around fish stickers and then talked about each fish and what they are doing for endangered fish and how they are working with the RFC. She then talked about preserving flood plan habitat and that they have concerns with trail building in flood plans.

Bob talked about interruptive signs for Jarvis property and that US Fish & Wildlife are helping with the project. Bob thought the signs should be up by next spring.

Patty explained the different departments and what each one does.

Talked about habitat along the Colorado and Gunnison and funding.

Bob added that US Fish & Wildlife have been silent 15<sup>th</sup> partner.

Patty answered questions. Group thanked her for coming to the meeting.

Lenna passed name onto Michael for Education Committee.

She then talked about “Adopt-a-Trail” program and how it would work. This would help groups interested in cleaning up trail and help Michele direct them to where clean up is needed. All parties involved (Brad Taylor/Greg Linza/Don Hobbs) think it’s a great idea.

Dusty thinks it’s really important that a RFC member goes down and personally thanks each group and does photo opt.

Dani thinks with work being done on map revisions RFC should set up sections at this time.

Lenna added that she would like to include UTC. John commented that it might be a good time to go to the canal companies. Dani, Dan and Dennis said they’d like to help.

Mark talked about Riverside Bypass and open house today. He explained choices.

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Fruita Update – Michele received nothing from Fruita. Dusty said she talked to Karen Lenhart with Fruita about the City looking into a Community Recreation Center. There is a meeting tomorrow night. Dusty said there has been a tremendous amount of use on the trails.

Palisade Update – Michele received nothing from Palisade.

Urban Trails Committee – Janet said still dealing with canal issues. City has responded. Discussed where lawsuit came from. No one really knows what happened. Michele added that UTC will be having a mini “retreat” in January and all RFC members are invited. Kent will update RFF on No Thoroughfare Wash at December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Legacy Update – Bob said four projects left to finish up. Three have been completed. State Park has until October 2004 to complete. Working on final report for GOCO. Keith Fife is helping Bob drop pictures into report. Bob/Steve are meeting with partners. Next Greenway meeting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. IGA meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob will be out of town next week until the following Tuesday.

Tamarisk Coalition – Nothing to report.

Trail from Grand Junction to Palisade – Paul said owner is willing to sell easement for trail plus now wants to sell property. Paul to put her in contact with Brad Taylor.

Rendering Plant – Paul updated group on meeting and parties that could come up with \$500,000. Joe Stevens shot proposal down at City Council meeting. Reporter at meeting reported what was

said at the meeting in the newspaper. Mel Sever didn't want to sell but now he does and wants offer by end of the week.

Dan suggested building a dock with sidewalk for trail. Group said wouldn't be possible.

Group wants to keep door open. Bob added that time is on RFC's side. Mark added RFC has always worked with will willing owners.

Education Committee – Michael said he has spoken with Gabe DeGabriele and got history of last time group met and who was involved. Talked about entrance fees and amount RFF has pledged (have promised \$500/year). Michael asked what the goal was. Dusty said it's important to build future interest with school kids. John added high school community service program might work with Lenna's "Adopt-a-Trail" program.

Dusty gave history about Wade Johnson's (BLM) signage program.

Bob added that it really isn't important what RFC wants but more what teachers want. Should talk to them to see what they want.

Dani thinks a fact sheet with talking points should be developed to give to teachers. John has concerns that teachers may not really know what they want. (Michele to get Leah Lee info to Michael).

Trail Map Committee/Public Relations/Marketing – Dani updated group on her companies art department cleaning up maps. Working on cutting text.

Gunnison – John said he didn't have anything really to report. He needs to get map with owners' names.

Safety Committee – Eric unable to attend.

Fruita to Horsethief – Eric unable to attend.

Fruita to Walker Wildlife – Dusty said she and Dennis have been working on abandoned property. She took Carl White out there and they walked it looking at connections. Only problem would be getting back to 6 & 50 at railroad. Dennis added that it's old county roadway. Dusty said that utilities are buried in right of way. Dennis expressed concerns about railroad's attitude. Dusty is still researching. She is also looking into Rails with Trails. John thinks it would be a good opportunity in Gunnison corridor.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.