

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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 16, 2004**

**Call to Order**

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

Mark Gardner	Paul Jones	John Gormley	Lenna Watson
Michael Kuzminski	Eric Marquez	Dan McClean	

Also present were Steve Moore, Tommy Collins, Tillie Bishop, Bob Wilson, Joe Stevens, Bob Cron, Diana Cort and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** - Dan/Lenna. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

1. Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 1:00pm, will be touring Fruita area.
2. 2004 Colorado Concert Series is out.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business** - There was no old business.

**New Business**

Tommy Collins requested \$10,000 from the Riverfront Foundation for 1,500-foot extension of trail in Palisade. Town of Palisade has \$1,400 cash and \$4,000 in-kind. Paul said he has some aerial photos and will get them to Palisade. Bob explained how Palisade has been building about 1/3 of a mile of trail each year.

Touched on budget cuts for State Parks. Everyone has been following in paper. Tillie said he doesn't know how to read the situation.

Bluebird Bob came to talk about property for sale at 618 Dike Road. Bob Cron's vision is that all of Dike Road becomes a wildlife area. Listed for \$250,000 for 65 acres of basically ponds. Ken Nesbitt suggested a conservation easement so nothing can be built on the property. United has an employee interested in property for water skiing. Dale Reese is deeding to the Audubon Society 80 acres of property in the area. Bluebird Bob said a conservation easement for \$40,000 has been signed plus the \$60,000 on the sale of their new book. Currently looking to hire Education Coordinator. There is five acres of wetlands off 35 Road being donated, going to look at on Friday. Trail has been really a mess. Would like to see if Riverfront Foundation would buy sweeper for ATV so Audubon Society could clean the trail. Tommy Collins added that Palisade is buying a skid steer – equipment can be made available to others.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Education Committee – Michael updated group on the Tamarisk Coalition Education’s requested use of sign kiosks formally used by the school district. Michael to have Tim Carlson contact Michele and Wade Johnson about use of kiosks.

Urban Trails Committee – Diana said that UTC is continuing work on No Thoroughfare Wash. Kent Leinbach has been talking with Greg Linza, CDOT and Corps of Engineers. Will be writing grants to help cover costs. Working with County on Enhancement Funds. Also working with Chris Brown on Bicycle Festival May 22<sup>nd</sup>. GVIC’s lawsuit regarding canal banks has been dismissed.

Legacy Update – Steve updated everyone on bonding issue. GOCO has requested information on bondable projects. Mesa County submitted \$22 million with \$6 to \$8 million being riverfront. GOCO meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> could be decision or not. There could be three outcomes:

1. Go for bonding in a big way with Legacy being precluded.
2. Go for some bonding with Legacy funds being available.
3. No bonding with chances for Legacy greatly improved.

Next Legacy meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Tillie and Steve discussed how GOCO was disappointed in what was submitted. Thinks GOCO will go back and ask for more detail. Steve really doesn’t think anything will happen until June.

Paul asked Tillie about the DuPont property. Tillie said he would be sensitive to RFC’s trail desires. Mesa Land Trust once talked to them but nothing could be worked out.

## **Public Comment**

John would like to send RFC’s support for Palisade’s \$10,000 request.

Tillie thinks timing is right for public awareness. Bring people back into what’s going on with RFC. Lenna agrees it’s a great idea to market riverfront project. Tillie thinks should do something with young kids and a walk with lunch provided after. (Dan said he wouldn’t mind taking it on). Bob suggested brainstorming at retreat.

Joe said Arbor Day at Lincoln Park had a very good turnout. Great event with Animal Shelter doing a “Walk Your Pet”, would be great to have RFC present

Tillie asked about “Buy a Foot of Trail”. Suggested bringing up at concerts.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.