

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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 18, 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	Dusty Dunbar
Michael Kuzminski	Dick Gerhardt	Dennis Devore	Dani Weigand Knopp

Also present were Steve Moore, Tillie Bishop, Judy Craddock, Janice Ward, Sheila Reiner, Donna Ross and Michele Rohrbach.

Introduces Donna, Sheila with Mesa County Elections and Janice Ward, Mesa County Clerk & Recorder. Sheila then showed PowerPoint presentation while Donna explained that they are looking for election judges. They then answered questions and passed around a sign up sheet for those that were interested. Group thanked them for coming.

**Approval of Minutes** - John/Dusty. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

1. Riverfront Walk for Health is June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Botanic Gardens. Need volunteers.
2. Please RSVP for June 4<sup>th</sup> Float Trip by May 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Botanic Gardens is having a Meet Me At The River Event on 9/11. Would like Representation from RFC. Michael said he'd be interested.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business**

Talked about retreat and what's going on in Fruita. For all those unable to attend, need to go check it out.

John talked about Stephanie Tuin with the City calling about new members. Dusty would like to see more representation from eastern end of valley. John would like to see someone interested in Gunnison section of trail. Dusty also would like to see more females. Mark would like to see someone from development and land interest. Tillie suggested more females and minorities.

Tillie mentioned a memorial for Ken Nesbitt. Believes it's something the RFC and RFF should consider.

There was no further old business.

## **New Business**

Wade Haerle was unable to show up.

Tille talked about Riverside Parkway open house on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He also talked about a ballot initiative that will have an impact on lottery funds. There is a group in Boulder trying to take some of the funds for higher education.

GOCO Board still deciding on bonding. Leaning towards bonding.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Urban Trails Committee – Judy reported that the Pedaling for Family on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and that UTC would be participating. She will be leading a 50's Cruiser Ride to promote safety and education. Continuing work on No Thoroughfare Wash and hope to dedicate in the fall.

Legacy Update – Steve followed up on what Tillie said. GOCO's funds would be split 50/50 in the Education Initiative passes. He talked about what Legacy group submitted. Fruita, Palisade and acquisition of nine key properties along the river were three of the elements submitted with a request for \$6.5 million. Won't know until GOCO has meeting in June. He also talked about Wetlands Mitigation Plan for Mesa County. He thinks RFC should be involved. Dennis volunteered.

Trail Maps – Dani talked about tree donation to State Park in Fruita. She said mileage is placed where it should be but still need to work with Palisade on sizing and clarity.

Adopt A Trail – Dennis said Adopt A Trail would work with new maps. He showed drafts of Adopt A Trail Plan. He wants everyone to comment, but keep it simple.

## **Public Comment**

Dusty asked about meetings in Fruita and Palisade. She was told nothing planned for this year.

There was no further public comment.

Discussed Social and whether or not RFC wanted to have one. John asked if it had to be in December. He said he'd talk with Sue to see if they could do something at their house in the fall.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.