RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 245-0045

Minutes of Meeting July 20, 2004

Call to Order

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

Mark Gardner	Paul Jones	Michael Kuzminski
Dennis DeVore	Eric Marques	Dusty Dunbar

Also present were Bob Cron, Don Hobbs, Cheryl Trent, Sam Symanski, Janet Hollingsworth, Janet Gardner, Steve Moore and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes - Dusty/Dennis. Motion passed.

Announcements

First concert is July 26th. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Steve talked about the meeting of the Jarvis property redevelopment. Issues: Parkway route still needs to be determined. Power line on tank farm and new dike needs to be built. Triangle area of property could become a wasteland if go with Corps money. City would have to come up with money. Charged with multi-use plan for commercial, residential and light industrial. Concerns: trail goes through area, trail on top of dike, dike tied in way with opportunity for parking lot. Pond, making a complete loop around pond. Small park being considered is too near eastern end of pond. Wetland creation if dike is moved inland with trail spur. Dusty asked about wetlands mitigation to use for trade by Redlands Parkway. Group was made up of landscape architects and they were looking for pie in the sky ideas. Bob added that there is a water right through the area. Ongoing.

Pear Park – Brad Taylor left message for Michele stating that nothing really happened at the meeting. Dusty updated on growth. Discussed lack of parks in area. Dusty hopes that County will start changing how it's been done in the past. Bob said Flintridge development has plans for a small park.

Dupont Property – Pat Kennedy updated everyone on proposed development. Multi-modal plan shows a trail through property. Mr. Dupont didn't like thought of trail being proposed with two options. Pat and Steve had lunch with him and he agreed in theory of trail as long as it wasn't on his property. RFC has opportunity – need to work with Bennett and Grand Junction Drainage and MA Concrete. Dani said she works with Grand Junction Drainage and is willing to work on getting a trail on the maintenance road.

Pat said another trail opportunity off Unaweep down 27 Road (Old Spanish Trail) that drops down to ten acres of rocky area. Would like to see something happen with trail. Michael would like to tour with Pat.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

<u>Urban Trails Committee</u> – Janet said there are four new members, very excited to have them on board. Tim Moore came and talked about development review. Will have table at Tour of the Valley. Hoping to gather names for a grassroots effort. Work ongoing on No Thoroughfare Wash.

<u>Legacy Update</u> – Steve reminded everyone that we were 23rd out of 68. GOCO only having 22 apply for grant process. At last meeting discussed breaking into smaller projects that can go for different GOCO funding programs. Palisade will submit for Water Park and possible Riverbend Park improvements. Fruita has several trails and will work on small segments at a time, starting with Big Salt Wash. Brad Taylor talked about closing on 28 Road, closed on 29 to 30 Road and closed on another property this month. Put out bid for design for trail for 29 to 30 Road. Has closed on one property by Rendering Plant. Brad will continue to work on other property but won't take ownership. Dike to be broken on Ela Sanctuary. Bob Wilson working with NRCS to recreate wetlands.

Public Comment

Bob Cron introduced two new staff members with the City. Sam is New Communications Coordinator and Cheryl is Assistant to City Manager. He updated on water park at Price Stubbs. BOR would build project if \$ raised. Design by BOR is done. Can get water park design done in Denver. He's working on GOCO grant due 9/3. Should hear by late November. Needs updated letter of support from RFC and RFF.

Dusty said there has been some trail connections with County.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.