

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045

Minutes
November 16, 2004

Call to Order

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

John Gormley	Paul Jones	Marianne Tilden
Dani Weigand Knopp	Dennis Pretti	Deb McCoy
Michael Kuzminski	Dennis DeVore	David Ludlam

Also present were Steve Moore, Bob Cron, Judy Craddock and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Dennis P/Paul. Motion passed.

Announcements

David said federal money looks like going to Front Range trails so may start refocusing on western slope.

John thanked everyone who helped with the cleanup and attended the BBQ.

Dani mentioned the Ken Nesbitt Lake dedication in June.

Dennis P. suggested having a booth at Winefest for information.

Steve did new member orientation on 11/6. Did great job.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

David updated on second annual Tamarisk Education Day. Demonstrated the timber ax. Had great press coverage. Questions asked about who can operate and how program works.

There was no further old business.

New Business

John gave history of past retreats. He also touched on usual December social. Thinking of having a social following the retreat. He talked about what happened at last sit down retreat. Scope probably was too large. Perhaps can follow UTC by taking on smaller, more manageable goals that will work towards overall reachable goals.

John encouraged members to write down ideas:

Arnett property, inventory, various agreements, responsibility of maintenance and funding.
Dave Brach is wishing to transfer some property behind new Albertsons.

Dani said she talked with Brian about lack of large celebration lately. Brian, Brad and Dani thought National Trails Day would be a good way to dedicate the new segment. Paul, Marianne, Judy (UTC) and Michele said they would be interested in helping organize.

John asked if members would like to meet in December. Group said no really. Agreed no December meeting.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Committee – Judy said they regrouped at last meeting. New trail committee working on No Thoroughfare Wash. Hoping to see work start sometime in early 2005 with final work completed by fall of 2005. Starting to revisit revisions to UTC Master Plan. City did approve in 2002 but County Planning had issues with canal banks. Ken Simms is working with group to help get approved. Outreach working on getting public involved at meetings. Working on PSA's with real "locals" pictures riding their bikes and telling people to following the rules. She explained the "canal issues". Bob added past history.

Riverfront Partners Update – Steve said at the end of October he submitted two grant applications. One for Palisade's Riverbend Park and the other for Fruita's Big Salt Wash. Won't know until the spring.

Tour went from Island Acres to junction of the Colorado and Gunnison. Can do west end sometime in January.

John added funding requests for Steve's position. DOW agreed to fund in 2005. Fruita and Palisade had no problem. State Parks can't, Mesa County and City of Grand Junction still working through budget process.

Public Comment

Water Park – Bob said should hear by December 1st. He then updated group on grant application and those involved. BOR willing to build fish passage in spring. BOR will build water park if group can get difference of water park costs. Preliminary Board meeting last Friday but Bob doesn't know if the grant went to the next round. Dennis P. said Glenwood pulled their water park from the grant cycle because of lawsuit by Hot Springs. Bob told group that members have a unique group. Bob then announced he is moving back to Montana next month.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.