

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045

Minutes
January 18, 2005

Call to Order

Co-Chair, John Gormley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Those present were:

John Gormley	Paul Jones	Marianne Tilden
Deb McCoy	Michael Kuzminski	Dennis DeVore
David Ludlam	Dusty Dunbar	

Also present were Steve Moore, Trent Prall, Lydia Reynolds, Denise McGinnis, Tillie Bishop, Brad Taylor and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Paul/Dennis. Motion passed.

Announcements

John reminded everyone of retreat on March 5th. Hope to have a social following the retreat. Tillie suggested contacting John Williams to see if could have at Hendricks property.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Railroad – Michael updated on the issue regarding no GOCO money for waterpark. Could still be built but access issues with railroad. 60% of land to river bottom is owned by CDOT. Thought RR was on board but denied access twice. Palisade and Water Club trying to get politicians involved. Palisade has proposed building a fence and providing liability waivers. BOR needs to put out bids by February 1st. John added Palisade has hired an attorney in Omaha (who once worked for the RR) to get information to the head of the RR. Rich Baca with John Salazar's office toured site last week. Senator Allard's office toured earlier. Safest alternative for BOR to build is with waterpark. Dusty suggested talking to the RR about the Rails with Trails application. It's working in other areas. Trent talked with Michael about what City had to do with RR. Tillie has spoken with Richard Hartman and Joe Whalen, Director of Transportation. Joe is adamantly opposed to access because it's too close to the road. Bill Holtman, Director of Operations and Joe are both in Denver. Tillie asked Joe to see if he and Bill would attend a meeting with all parties where they can go out to the site and come up with a workable resolution.

Arnett Property – John understands easement closed in December. John received a call from Tom today regarding issue. Tom met with Bill Prakken – RFC people need to meet with Mr. Arnett before talking to anyone else.

There was no further old business.

New Business

John introduced Trent. Trent gave presentation on the Riverside Parkway. Trent answered questioned. Group thanked Trent for giving presentation.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Committee – Still working on canal issues. County sent letter regarding some survey and design work for No Thoroughfare Wash. Continue work on reviewing new development plans.

Deb updated on meeting that Bruce Noble put together. Everyone thought the meeting was about tying trails into the Monument but that wasn't what the meeting was about. Monument staff will attend Colorado Riverfront Partners meeting in February.

Riverfront Partners Update – Steve said next meeting is February 2nd at 1:30pm. Will discuss continuation of what came out of 1/11 meeting. Paul Peck with BLM will also be invited. Tim Carlson with the Tamarisk Coalition will provide update on what's passed and money available.

Two grants outstanding (haven't heard yet) – Riverbend Park and Big Salt Wash. Bennett and Steve working on redesigning trail. Issues that have driven up costs. Fruita is looking into a Fishing Is Fun grant. Steve will work with Palisade on Master Plan for Riverbend Park.

Public Comment

Tillie asked if the group has heard of the Western Colorado Water Group. Tillie thinks someone should attend their meeting. He also talked about the two new Commissioners. Good idea to invite them to see Brian's presentation so they know what the RFC is doing.

David said he spoke with David Glass and Wade Haerle and they are still interested in Kokopelli.

Dennis said CDOT is doing presentation of I-70 from Golden to Glenwood at 5:30pm at Country Inn this week.

Tillie stated three moose were released on the Grand Mesa today.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.