

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045

Minutes
February 15, 2005

Call to Order

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

John Gormley
Deb McCoy
David Ludlam

Paul Jones
Michael Kuzminski

Marianne Tilden
Dennis Pretti

Also present were Steve Moore, Tim Fry and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – David/Michael. Motion passed.

Announcements

John reminded everyone of retreat on March 5th and social. He passed out thank you gifts to members who missed the luncheon.

Colorado National Plan – John updated everyone on Bruce Noble attending the Riverfront Partnership meeting. Is the RFC interested in taking lead for backbone of Mesa County trails and to continue further discussion? He asked group to think about it and bring thoughts and ideas to the retreat.

Steve talked about workshop in Glenwood Springs on February 22nd regard trails. # of UTC and RFC members are interested in going.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Waterpark – Michael updated on railroad agreeing to allow Palisade to move forward with the waterpark. BOR hopes to have design proposal done by April 7th and contract awarded by June 1st. Palisade and WATER Club will need funding in place. Still need about \$300,000. John said everyone should thank Michael and Tillie for their efforts in moving things forward.

Arnett Property – John said MLT has closed on easement with 50' easement for sale for RF trail access. Mr. Arnett is ready to move forward. Still waiting to hear from Bill Frye.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Committee – Tim said group is moving forward on PSA's for educating public that is geared towards all users. Looking at radio and print ads. Work continues on No Thoroughfare Wash. County is doing survey this month.

Riverfront Partners Update – Met two weeks ago – Audubon has purchased 900 trees and plans to plant them on April 23rd. Contact Bluebird Bob (Steve to get Bob Wilson's contact info out to group) or John Toolen at 255-6192. Brad Taylor hopes to have trail between 29 to 30 Road later this spring. Nothing will be done at the new property purchased in Fruita. Steve talked about Tamarisk Coalition and how it got started. National group and strategic planning being done in New Mexico. Colorado's is already done. Grant from the National Fish & Wildlife funded the timber ax. WCCC is related because number of the youth crew is trained in removing tamarisk. Steve then followed up on what John said about the Monument meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

John talked about the retreat format: Where does RFC go from here? Is mission still the same? Second half will identify about four or five achievable projects for board members to complete during their term(s).

Michael added that the Educational Committee could use another member to help.

John said he has seen latest version of map, few bugs but looking real good.

Michele added that RFC received a \$325 grant from the City of Fruita for web page design. Has meeting with Palisade High School on March 3rd regarding the El Pomar Youth grant program.

John stated concert series is progress. May only have three concerts this year. Looking into new t-shirt design, perhaps the Watercolor Society or the Art Commission could help with design. Also discussed alcohol changes, donations and venue of music.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.