RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 245-0045

Minutes May 17, 2005

Call to Order

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

John Gormley Marianne Tilden Dusty Dunbar Paul Jones Deb McCoy Dani Weigand Knopp Dennis DeVore Michael Kuzminski

Also present were Brad Taylor, Tillie Bishop, Steve Moore, Kent Leinbach and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Dusty said correction on Page 2, (paragraph 11) should read "Dusty said Mesa County" not she. Dennis D. /Paul. Motion passed.

Announcements – Concert Series – Michele said tickets would be forthcoming. She explained John McEuen willing to donate autographed banjo with dinner with him at the Winery the night before the concert, plus four tickets to the winner. Presentation of banjo at the show.

Float trip – Michele gave details for those going on the trip.

Tickets for the Botanic Gardens Tour - see Paul.

Old Business

T-shirts – Marianne and Deb showed artwork for group to look at. Discussed needing more time for artists to do artwork. Decision made to use one of Sara's pieces. Sponsorship still being worked on.

Clifton Sanitation - Still finalizing language on agreement. Clifton Sanitation Board agreed to trail.

Dusty said there is something going on with Arnett property. John said Arnett wants attorney to hold off until July 1st. Clifton Sanitation District I segment from County property to Arnett is something RFC needs to keep eye on.

Steve asked who would be attending County meeting Tuesday. John said he would be there. Suggestion made to have position paper written by RFC and UTC.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

<u>Urban Trails Committee</u> – Kent talked about continuing work on canal banks and looking into drainage. Bike festival this past Saturday, great coverage by paper and well attended. Working on PSA's for "share the road" will do TV, radio and print ads. Ride The Rockies on June 18th, UTC will be doing a ride the day before around town. Would love to see RFC members there. Working on updating UTC Master Plan for trail connections, etc. No Thoroughfare Wash, Bill Taylor hopes to have preliminary cost estimate soon. County can do most of design but UTC will need it signed off by different engineering firm. County is working on Rosevale Bridge too. Need internal governmental agreement (IGA) with CDOT for work done around 340 Bridge. Will be asking for money soon. Dusty suggested contacting service groups. UTC has spoken with Tamarisk Coalition to help with removal. They \$2 match for every \$1 for their services.

<u>Riverfront Partners Update</u> – The trail meeting was quarterly meeting held last week and it was organizational. One of the objectives from the retreat, 1991 Multi-modal plan update and inventory. Everyone is on board, haven't heard from City of GJ. Group wants Forest Service to facilitate and working on letters of support. RFC participate will be Deb McCoy.

UTC is looking for citizens interested in canal banks imitative, if interested, contact Robert Traylor.

Thursday night - County planning meeting in Fruita, Glade Park and Mack at 7pm to 9pm.

Trail grants for Palisade and Fruita have officially been awarded.

Kent volunteered his time for GIS mapping.

Tillie said he did see the copy of the letter, it was well written and he'd grant if he were grantor. Tillie will deliver letter to Michele tomorrow.

Glad to see participation from members at Public Hearings.

Dusty talked about river cleanup on April 30th, good participation at all three sections. Pulled out about 40 cubic yards of garbage, mostly plastic items. Michael said lots of tires. He thinks should do twice a year. Talk of doing again.

John thinks we should do another RFC/RFF/UTC cleanup this summer. John willing to volunteer his and Sue's house again.

There a two RFC slots open in June, Paul and Eric leaving, if you know of anyone interested, please have them apply.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.