

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes
June 21, 2005**

Call to Order

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

John Gormley	Paul Jones	Dennis DeVore
Deb McCoy	Michael Kuzminski	Dennis Pretti
Dani Weigand Knopp		

Also present were Brad Taylor, Steve Moore, Denise McGinnis and Michele Rohrbach.

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

Announcements – Thanked Paul and Eric for their service on the RFC. Paul passed the “torch” onto Dennis D.

Old Business

John updated on Clifton Sanitation District’s agreement for the trail easement to County for vacation of road.

National Trails Day – Dani said great coverage by media and good attendance from members of RFC, RFF and UTC. Value of coverage about \$12,510.

Talked about \$ amount grossed on beer and wine sales. Banjo sold for \$725.

Asked Brad what he thought. He said went well but minor glitches. He also was disappointed by what wasn’t said during pre-show speech. Why doesn’t RFF want to say what they’ve done and why? John will bring up at RFF meeting. Dani strongly feels need to brand. Suggestion made to sit down with Paul N. and Lenna to work on pre-show speech.

Brad thanked Dani for all her efforts in getting media to the event. He said that he received phone call from a realtor looking to spend money on property to open up to the public. He added concrete work should start tomorrow. Hope to have done by July. Michael asked how decision made to use concrete vs. asphalt. Explanation made.

Float trip – large group of people. Weather was cold but everyone seemed to have a good time.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Date for trail clean up – asked if worthwhile. Group said yes. Paul J. will talk to Botanic Board to see if they would be interested in helping. Possibility of doing BBQ at gardens afterwards.

Talked about Bluebird Bob's letter to Bob Silbernagel about adopting one acre of land to remove tamarisk and Russian olive so people can see the river. Talked about September 10th being Watson Island clean up. Michele to check with Joe Stevens.

Paul talked about City Council member attending RFC meetings. Bruce Hill will be at July meeting.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Committee – Continue to review plans. No Thoroughfare Wash survey done, working on design and budget. Ride the Rockies pre-ride and some UTC members will be working beer garden. Working on Share the Road Campaign. Tim Fry will be point person for Regional Trail Planning. Tomorrow is Bike to Work Day. Several UTC members to meet with City people at Lincoln Park and ride to City Hall.

Riverfront Partners Update – Steve followed up Bob Wilson's letter to Bob Silbernagel, not aimed at the editor but to prod the public to take stewardship of the condition of the habitat and river corridor. Clear call to action to someone or group. He brings it up because it doesn't appear RFC has really taken position.

Talked about Tamarisk Coalition funding and seeing if can't use them more to start removing tamarisk.

John thanked Deb and Marianne for their efforts on the t-shirts. Lots of great comments.

Dennis D. talked about CDOT's bonding issue and curves on I-70 by waterpark. Suggested RFC try to get easement on vacated right-of-way. Would get up to Island Acres. RFC very interested.

Michael asked if anyone had heard about delay at waterpark.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.