

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes
July 19, 2005**

Call to Order

Co-Chair, John Gormley called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Those present were:

John Gormley	Dennis DeVore	Dennis Pretti
Michael Kuzminski	Marianne Tilden	Dani Weigand Knopp
Dusty Dunbar		

Also present were Joe Stevens, Steve Moore, Bruce Hill, Tillie Bishop and Michele Rohrbach.

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

Announcements – Riverfront office will be closed on July 28th.

Dani is leaving and moving to Salt Lake. Told her she will be missed and thanked her for all her efforts.

RFF members will attend the October RFC meeting.

Trail clean up will be Saturday, September 10th at Watson Island.

Old Business

Haven't heard back on signed agreement from Clifton Sanitation District.

Progress on State Parks – new trail not quite finished. Been having some problems with the concrete curing. Think it will be about two weeks. Will have ribbon cutting in the fall. Brad is working on acquiring property from 29 Road to Los Colonias.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Tamarisk Demo Project – Western Colorado Conservation Corps was going after leftover GOCO money if could find a sponsor. RFF provided match. City of GJ was asked to sponsor and approved at City council meeting. Council agreed to put money in their budget for next year. Looking at Jr. Service League to Hwy 340. Will hear by July 29th. Michael thanked RFF.

Proposed connection to Island Acres – Dennis D. updated on CDOT's proposing to straighten curves on I-70 east of Palisade. Will cut into side of mountain and will have about 40' shelf for trail. Rich Perske has volunteered to take group on tour from waterpark to Island Acres so everyone can see what

he's talking about. Dennis said CDOT informed him that they wanted to build trail like Glenwood but trail would constraint river and floods railroad.

Booth at Farmers Market – RFC would like to have a booth at the downtown Farmers Market to sell t-shirts and raise awareness. Members thought good idea.

Jarvis Property – John updated on ideas proposed at meeting. Current plan is to redevelop in residential fashion with neighborhood retail included. Joe said Master Plan for Los Colonias would need to be revisited with some commercial aspects to make it more of a river walk.

Michele explained LiveWell grant and that mileage markers have been discussed in the past. She asked if RFC should apply for grant using mileage markers. Group said yes. She also explained booth RFC/UTC will be sharing at LiveWell kickoff.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Committee – They didn't have a quorum so the meeting was canceled.

Riverfront Partners Update – Steve said there will be a Partners meeting on August 3rd to start work on the Countywide Regional plan. He added that Brad brought up how well Ron's crew handle medical emergency at concert.

Public Comment

Tillie updated group on recognition for Jim Robb. Proposal has been made to name the State Park as James M. Robb Colorado River State Park at Fruita down to Corn Lake. Group will be asking for a letter of support. Will make presentation at State Fair.

Dusty passed around Boulder's Greenways from Bennett. She added that she's the new Community Planner for New Castle.

Fruita applied for a Fishing is Fun grant and received \$100,000+ grant for parking and restrooms.

Thanked Bruce for attending. Bruce asked to make sure Paul Jones knew he was here. He stated he's impressed with work RFC group is doing. He added Jarvis Property is jewel to community and want to get it back to that. Will be nice to see something more than industrial. With the new Parkway, it will be noticed by more and more of what's down there.

John thanked the City for including trails and bikeways in new construction of Parkway. He also thanked them for sponsoring the Tamarisk Removal grant.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.