

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

245-0045

Minutes

August 16, 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

David Ludlam

Also present were Steve Moore, Janet Hollingsworth, Brad Taylor and Michele Rohrbach.

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

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

Old Business - LiveWell – Michele needs volunteers for the LiveWell kick-off on September 1st. UTC did receive a \$5,000 grant to promote the riverfront project and urban trails with Mesa County.

Tamarisk Grant – Michael said they did receive grant. RFC needs to push City to where tamarisk should be cleaned up. Consideration being given between the bridges. Do we go visibility or safety? John feels safety would be more beneficial. Grant amount was for \$12,000 with matching grant from RFF. Michael and Steve will need to sit down and talk with Jerry Roberts with the City and Rusty with Partners.

Signed copy of Clifton Sanitation agreement has been received.

Brad's new Pear Park section of trail is open from 29 to 30 Road. Trail going other way goes to 27 ½. Three parcels with multiple owners – two have said yes, one said no – leaving 643 feet with no trail. Brad said soft opening on August 1st or 2nd. County is working on 29 Road north of bridge. County will rip out 100' of new trail to make it meet new three feet increase in road height.

Someone needs to talk to Clifton Sanitation 1 before it folds into Clifton Sanitation 2.

There was no further old business.

New Business - County Wide Trail Plan – Steve passed around notes for the August 3rd meeting. Discussed what will need for inventory. Will be digital and stored on County GIS. History of accrual for RFC purpose will be beneficial for future. Group will need more people to help Deb gather GPS coordinates. Steve has talked with County staff. He and Deb will need to meet before next meeting. Dennis D. volunteered to help with the project.

Booth at Farmers Market – Will cost the RFC \$25 per week. Michele will check with Joe about sharing booth.

Letter of Support given to Commissioner Tillie Bishop in support of renaming the Colorado River State Park to the James M. Robb Colorado River State Park.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports - Tamarisk Education – Symposium 10/13 and 10/14. Party after at Riverbend Park with Exit 42 playing. David will be going before Town Board for alcohol permit for event.

Urban Trails Committee – Janet said discussed Regional Master Plan. Will participate at LiveWell kick-off. Still moving forward on No Thoroughfare Wash. Work on PSA's and Share the Road Campaign. Have new member, Dr. Ken Lane.

Riverfront Partners Update – Palisade is putting in new segment of trail. Should be finished sometime in September. Will be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Fruita is laying out Big Salt Wash trail. GOCO money. Can't lay concrete until next year because of stability issues. They have received a Fishing is Fun grant for Snooks Bottom. DOC is reconsidering giving grant because they don't want to restock every year.

Thanked Brad for all his efforts at the concerts. Brad said Ron is good choice because of his attention to detail. Still have some issues to work out regarding camping.

Public Comment - Michael asked about vacancies. John said there were three openings, one being his slot. Interviews held last week. Four interviewed, one being John.

Dennis P. asked what is actual term – July 1st to June 30th. Brad asked whose terms were up – John, Dani, Eric and Paul J.

Michele needs to email Brad minutes for June.

Dennis P. talked about County TAC meeting. He suggested trails should be considered in language as Ranchers and Farmers sell of f and land is subdivided. Trails should become a part of planning. He talked about R (?) Tipani and his work on Glenwood trail system in Garfield County. John said they need to make group aware of desire to have trail to County line. Need to find out what County's policy is on trails.

John talked about Tillie's called to Michele regarding the four entities wanting to attend next RFC meeting.

Brad talked about Janet Rowland getting tour on National Trails Day and her interest in what's been done. Received call from CDOT regarding trails by Price Stubbs, he and Dennis D. will be meeting with them tomorrow.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.