

**RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Minutes
September 20, 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
Dave Soker		

Also present were Brad Taylor, Bob Tallarico and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Michael /David. Motion passed.

Announcements – Welcomed new member Dave Soker. Introductions made by other members and guests.

Old Business - Trail clean up November 5th, 12th or 19th? The 5th seems to be the best day.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Lots of t-shirts left over so buy, buy, buy!

Volunteers needed for October 15th. Dennis P., Dennis D. and Marianne volunteered.

Water Club meeting on 9/27 at Tiara Rado at 7pm.

Volunteers need for memorial bench program – David L. volunteered. Michele will get him info of how program has worked in the past.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports - Urban Trails Committee – Bob said Robert Traylor has spoken with several City Council members on canal banks – nothing negative. Wants City to take the lead. No Thoroughfare Wash has estimate of \$124,000+, need two span bridge. Looking for grant money. LiveWell very popular – surprised by number of people participating.

Riverfront Partners Update – Steve unable to attend so John reviewed Steve's email: Explained County Wide Regional Trail Plan and purpose. John asking for volunteer(s) to help with gathering history of trails. September GOCO meeting at Double Tree Hotel on September 29th.

Jerry Roberts with City looking to see Adopt-a-trail program brought on line as well as bench program reactivated.

Tamarisk Demo Removal Project – Michael updated on meeting and where removal will take place. Grant received for Conservation Corps and work will be done on 10/10 and end of October at Jr. Service League. If any money left, City would like to take out growth behind City Shops. City has budgeted \$24,000 for next two years to continue removal. Project will dovetail with Symposium and looking to get joint publicity.

Public Comment – Brad updated on name change for the Colorado River State Park. State Park Board will met on October 14th in Fruita to formally adopt name change to the James M. Robb Colorado River State Park.

Dennis P. updated on latest TAG meeting. Project is nearing public comment stage. He believes RFC should draft letter stating consideration of trail easements in future development. Dennis P. said he'd take a stab at drafting letter. John suggested he talk with Steve about the letter.

Next RFC meeting will be a joint meeting with the RFF.

Dave Soker said he will walk every segment of trail from Palisade to Fruita. He added that Palisade has a Park & Rec. Board and that they will be taking a look at developing a Master Plan for Riverbend Park and trail connections. Working with DOW on pamphlet on wildlife. DOW will be opening up the Tillie Bishop Wildlife Area to public. Hoping to have signage done and dedication soon. Boat ramp is completed in Riverbend Park.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.