

**RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION AND RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**245-0045**

**Minutes**  
**October 18, 2005**

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 5:30pm by RFF chair, Brian Mahoney. Those present were:

RFF:	Brian Mahoney	Lenna Watson	Pat Kennedy
	Pat Gormley	Will Hutchins	Fid Braffett
	Bill Prakken	Bill Ella	Bill Findlay
RFC:	John Gormley	Marianne Tilden	Lesley Blumberg
	Kathy Herzog	Dennis DeVore	Michael Kuzminski
	Dusty Dunbar	Dave Soker	

Also present were Tillie Bishop, Robert Traylor, Kent Leinbach, Tim Fry, Lydia Reynolds, Brad Taylor, Sue Gormley and Michele Rohrbach.

**Introductions:** All members were introduced. Brian gave history on RFF members and how RFF came about.

**Financial Statements:** Fid reviewed the financial statements. Brian noted Loyal Jones and Hotchkiss properties are gone. New format of statements provided class. Professional fees contain two years of accounting. Discussed Loyal Jones showing up as a loss on statement.

Discussed concert series and income and expenses and donation to Brad. Want to have a follow up meeting.

Brian talked about foundation within foundation. Explained funds in WCCF.

**Other Business:** Robert Traylor gave brief history on No Thoroughfare Wash. Survey has been done along with drawn map done by Bill Taylor and an estimate. UTC is requesting from the RFF \$121,921.50 for the construction of the trail. Thanked Bill Taylor with Mesa County, County Commissioners and Kent Leinbach with UTC for all their efforts. Discussed if property is in County of City. Bill P. thinks should deed to County. Question rose about maintenance – would be whomever property is deeded to. Robert said City has stated it would help. Question asked about survey, boundaries and encroachment. Brian asked if landowners are aware of proposed trail. He thinks UTC should notify owners – need to found out from County. UTC will talk to County Commissioners about deeding back to County. Bill Ella thinks need to be very open and move forward with the project. Dusty said Robert should talk to Pete Baier.

Brian talked about funding of trails in the past. He doesn't want to see RFF fund entire amount. Would like to see UTC approach others for funding too. Dusty asked if financial loss when County works on Rosevale. Tamarisk Coalition has offered to remove tamarisk on matching basis. Bill Prakken would like to see concrete rather than asphalt. Brian thinks have questions that need answers

and will revisit at next RFF quarterly meeting. If need to move faster can. Pat Kennedy asked if RFF wants to pledge \$ amount (amount of \$50,000 was agreed upon). Prakken/Kennedy to table until next meeting.

**New Computer for RFC:** John talked about age of computer and phone being tied up when on internet. Thought we could tie into the County's system. Would be buying computer that County would own. Question raised of office space – County committed to keeping RFC. Bill Ela and Pat Gormley motioned to purchase new computer. Brian would like to see as much ram as possible. Motion passed.

**Rendering Plant:** Brian still is working with family and Macalhum on deal. If he purchases, he will work with RFC on easement. RFF in loop. Would pay \$1.62/ft. for 50' easement or about \$80,000 if deal moves forward.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:30pm. Scheduled next RFF meeting for January 19, 2006 at 7:30am. Location to be determined.

**RFC Update** - Motion made to approve minutes. Dennis D./?. Motion passed.

Trail clean up on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Watson Island. BBQ at Gormleys or appetizers at Botanic Gardens.

Dennis D. has been working on easement on or around DuPont Property.

Have agreement on 32 to 32 ¼ Roads. County has said could go through their property getting us up to D ½. Arnett has contacted RFF agreed to \$500 to Arnie Butler to work on deal. \$40,000 would be RFF portion.

Dick Bowman is working on sale of Clifton Sanitation I between County property and Arnett. Need money to decommission sewage ponds. There are other issues – old County landfill.

**Countywide Trail Project** – Group continues to work with Duane Holmes and getting every trail in Mesa County on GIS. Working on ownership, users and maintenance. Next meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Training Room A.

**Tamarisk Removal Project** – RFF donated matching money for timber ax. Western Colorado Conservation Corps was able to go for a \$12,000 grant for project in Mesa County. Area chosen around Jr. Service League west to Redlands Parkway. City of Grand Junction liked project that they put up \$24,000 over the next two years. Tim Carlson is working on \$5 million grant to remove tamarisk from state line to Palisade.

**New Maps** – New maps are ready. Passed out to members and guests. Brian added that the RFF history book is for sale. Recommends all RFC members purchase to learn about the past.

Brad said park has been renamed to the James M. Robb Colorado State Park. Local representative has been reactivated – Wade Haerle. Legacy program doesn't look like it will be brought up on line until 2008. Had to return \$63,000 of Legacy money didn't use but may be getting it back. Talked about work on 29 Road Bridge. Brad said there would be more acquisitions.

Dusty said LOVA will be having meeting to talk about trail on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Soker said he thinks Palisade is changing for the better. Working on Master Plan for Riverbend Park.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.