

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
September 19, 2006**

**Called to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley  
Dave Soker  
Tom Kenyon

Dennis DeVore  
Ken Henry

Dennis Pretti  
Kathy Herzog

Also present were Brad Taylor, Tillie Bishop, Steve Moore and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval** – Dennis P. /Dennis D. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – RFC office closed on 9/20.

**New Business** – T-shirts – Michele passed along Marianne’s email. Discussed MSC Art School and the graphic arts community. Fine arts community still interested.

Lower South Downtown Plan – Kathy updated on plan for area. Discussed pros and cons, heavy impact/light impact and middle of the road. Transiently areas – “Safe Park” need to have eyes on park. Loud and clear business owners don’t want them to “mess with their land”. Most believe will stay pretty much the way it is. Focus more on “riverfront” headquarters down in park since looking at making more water/recreational than playing fields like Canyon View.

Tillie stated City has been working on figuring out what to do with Lincoln Park and the stadium and the Matchett property. Tom thinks need to have vision like San Antonio and Pueblo riverwalks. Los Colonias is City Park and City does keep RFC in loop.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business**

Letter from MC regarding easements down along 32 and D Roads. John will contact Stacey to get this moving forward. Steve asked who would like to go meet with Stacey and look at easement.

Tillie talked about line item in budget with trail funding to complete trail from Palisade to Fruita. Some of the money will be used on bridge and trail on No Thoroughfare Wash. Thanked County for all their work and efforts.

Talked about 29 Road to Los Colonias. Brad met with Pete Baier and Bill Taylor. Want to avoid trail on C ½ Road.

Have spoken with new owner of rendering plant – waiting to hear from RFC. Brian Mahoney and Paul Jones supposedly have spoken with him – stated no problem. RFC/RFF needs to talk to him.

Tom suggested after elections need to talk to new officials to try and get more money back over here.

Reassign Inventory Segments – will table until Bennett is back. Dave asked if there is anything he can do. John said to take outline to fine out book and page. Talk with Brian Mahoney, Bill Ela and Kurt Mill.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – next year is 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Looking at celebration and large fundraising effort. Kathy and Steve have put together a marketing plan. Kathy gave history of dates of 1985, 1987 and 1988. John asked for a plan. Fundraising, projects, forming committee think tank group. Need to figure out what want to do. John said funding source for land acquisition. Funding source for CRCS when funding is through. Need to sit down and meet with RFF. Kathy thinks need clear vision similar to “foot of trail” as in the beginning. Dave thinks oral history would be important. Really need to get on tape an oral history of the riverfront trail project.

Dennis P. talked about projects he’s involved in by doing “foot/yard” of trail. Need to work with partners to make a success. Tillie added that a quarter of a century is more appealing than 20 years.

Discussed approaching Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc. to get seed money for GOCO as match. Think start with RFF and RFC and go from there. Concerns of other groups raising funds (Audubon and Botanic Gardens). Tom said at State Parks, learned to celebrate every event whenever possible. Need to schedule retreat with RFF/RFC.

Ken said Fruita is going through budget and working on line items to get more money for trails in Fruita.

Dave thinks keeping retreat to RFC/RFF is good idea. Steve said need to do in October – retreat rather than meeting, starting at 3:30pm. (10/17 or 10/18 combine with RFF).

There was no further old business.

### **Committee Reports**

Urban Trails Update – LiveWell kickoff went well. Still need volunteers for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Partners – Denise McGinnis is preparing State Trails grant. Have Denise give Tom a call.

Lots of chatter about GOCO Legacy round. Group meeting soon. Steve spoke about Legacy and what it was before it went away. Important to trail planning to get finished and get approval from County.

Dave talked about eliminated tree/dam and waterwheel – could RFC recognize Corps and Clifton. John asked Dave to write letter. Need to get Palisade more involved with RFC. Wants to have RFC go to meeting. Concerns about upsetting landowners at public meeting.

Discussed meeting in Fruita and Palisade like use to. Dave said Michele gave history of why stopped going to Fruita and Palisade.

Need to stop Purple Loose Leaf – another noxious weed. Would like to have Steve Yamashita come in and take about riparian habitat.

Migrant labor camp history is completed.

**Public Comment** – Brad suggested need to hold retreat sooner rather than later. Really have energy and need to keep momentum.

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