

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
November 21, 2006**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Dennis DeVore	Bennett Boeschstein
Ken Henry	Kathy Herzog	Lesley Kibel
Tom Kenyon	Deb McCoy	Marianne Tilden

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

Approval – Tom /Dennis D. Motion passed.

Announcements – No RFC meeting in December.

IGA meeting on Thursday, December 7th at Two Rivers.

The City of Grand Junction will be having a design meeting on 11/28, 11/29 and 11/30.

City looking at comments for design consultant.

DuPont Conservation Easement is now in place on 180 acres – done through the Colorado Heritage Group.

New Business – Received \$100,000 from Mesa County for No Thoroughfare Wash. Tillie stated he feels real good with the County's budget. They have money in budget for trail development.

Working on trail easement between 32 ¼ and 32 ½ Road with Mesa County. Met with Brian Woods of Clifton Sanitation – think there is some flexibility in getting trail segments to the Arnett property at 33 Road.

Old Fruita Bridge – Ken explained what Fruita is doing to save the bridge. Money for destroying bridge will be used to try and save it. RFC/RFF sent letters of support. Received 10 letters. Group agreed not to spend money needlessly if bridge can't be saved. Piers are concern - \$30,000 for emergency rip wrap. Corps is okay with this. Looking to have Corps help with rip wrap. Second phase would be to restore piers – quote of \$380,000. Then can move to phase three, four and five. Ken received a letter a letter from Historic Group regarding a \$200,000 grant. Tillie asked if it would qualify for State Trails Grant – yes. Bennett explained history of grant money received and million \$ quote – funds were returned because Fruita couldn't make up the difference. Group looking at numerous funding sources. Ken added that Dave Fishell has jumped on board and did research on the bridge's history.

Bruce Noble with the National Park Service has found money for historic Dugway trail repair. Bridge would be good connection for numerous trails.

Retreat – John explained retreats – last year was tour, this year will be where we sit down and discuss. We usually have a facilitator for the meeting and then social follows. Asked group for ideas of when (late February or early March). Discussed some locations. Will need facilitator since Tim Sarmo is no longer available.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Status of completing inventory – John stated Bennett has done a very good job. He asked him what he'd like. Bennett said he'll keep working on it. John said really need history. He asked if Bennett needs help. Will get copies of outline to RFF members.

Master Trail Planning meeting – John talked about work being done on MTP tying trails into trail system. Partners trails are now on County GIS system. Working on top ten list if Legacy round next year. Will have public meeting for comments.

2007 t-shirts – Marianne asked about type of design. Previous discussion of MSC Graphic Arts program. Do we want higher quality of art? Some want higher quality rather than first year. Kathy will contact MSC Graphic Arts instructor.

Need rep from RFC to be on Old Spanish Trail Unaweep connection. Michele to contact Michael to get more info.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Update – Received \$100,000 for No Thoroughfare Wash from Mesa County. Thanked Tillie again for the funds. Added that reviewing plans is great way to get additional trails. Denise McGinnis commented on set of plans for new subdivision in Redlands that were not on UTC Master Plan and developer agreed to add the trails.

Partners – Steve out of town.

Bennett gave history and update on Nature Center down by Connected Lakes. Looking to build in 2009 or 2010. Currently fundraising. Want to be self sufficient so will be setting up endowment.

Brad – working with City of Fruita to move sewer lagoons. Looking at turning over 80 acres (15 Rd. west) to City. City looking at purchasing property for trails. Talked about 27 to 29 Road. No talk of what happens to decommissioned property.

John asked if Pete Baier had talked to Brad about C ½ Road. Brad will let RFC know if need help.

Public Comment – Tillie thanked group for adopting him. Working to get Steve to become ex-officio to RFC. Group thanked Tillie for all is efforts.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.