

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
January 16, 2007**

Called to Order

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

Dennis DeVore	Bennett Boeschstein	Tom Kenyon
Marianne Tilden	Kathy Herzog	Deb McCoy
Dennis Pretti	Dave Soker	

Also present were Steve Acquafresca, Lydia Reynolds and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Tom /Marianne. Motion passed.

Announcements – Retreat on March 3rd, social to follow at 6pm at Pinon Grill. Dave discussed what happened at past retreats – goals that never seem to follow through. He'd like to see a one line bullet of last retreat and next retreat.

New Business – Discussed Legacy grant and stated that will be what will be discussed at retreat.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Status of completing inventory – Mesa County GIS did maps which Bennett had for meeting. Discussed what was on maps and how members will be able to view via online. Dennis D. asked about CDOT right of way. Talked about CDOT's multi-modal plans.

Master Trail Planning meeting – Steve will have refined list hopefully sometime this week. (RFC needs to send letter to MC thanking for GIS work).

2007 t-shirts – Kathy stated she contacted Suzy Gardner with MSC Graphics department. Contests really don't work at college level. They are difficult to manage. Suzy suggested paying for the artwork. Kathy asked what fair amount and Suzy suggested \$200 to \$250. Talked about setting parameters. Bennett stated FMHS designed bus shelters. Talked about "kiddie" art. Marianne and Kathy will talk to Fruita art teacher.

Waterpark – Tim unable to attend. BOR still is working on contracts.

Old Fruita Bridge – Bennett said last he heard - \$200,000 to rip wrap rather than tear down. Waiting to hear back from Army Corps.

South Downtown – Michele didn't receive any update. Bennett said consultant will be holding meetings again. Could be Legacy.

Botanic Gardens – gave City Council four alternatives. Want a member of the RFC to attend Council meeting. Need major bailout. Have meeting with City Council tomorrow night. One alternative is that the Gardens owns piece of land that they could sell to the City to help with their financial problems.

Riverfront History Walks – Kathy, Dave Soker, Marianne and Bennett interested. Need to start thinking about when want and what segment of trail they each wish to highlight.

Video/KAFM – Bennett said he and Steve thought having video person at retreat would be great idea.

KAFM – RFC has opportunity to be on once a month for 30 minutes – would be great exposure for the RFC and it's free. Rob Blieberg is hosting. Steve Acquafresca did old show and probably knows new person would love to have RFC on it. Dennis asked if members interested.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Update – Lydia said they are continuing to review plans for Community Development for possible trail connections. Still working on Study Areas and making changes to UTC Master Plan. Received \$100,000 for MC for No Thoroughfare Wash. Project stalled do to land ownership issues.

Partners – Steve out of town.

Public Comment – Steve stated today was first day in the County - last week in legal training over in Denver. Interesting experience. About 38 freshmen County Commissioners at training. He added that MC is in better position on conservation easements to trails. Group told Steve how much appreciate efforts by Tillie. Steve added that Tillie said could still call him if needed.

Bennett selling raffle tickets for Botanic Gardens Valentine event.

Discussed Amendment 41 – questions RFC should ask County and City Attorney to advise.

Dennis P. asked all City of Grand Junction residents to sign petition for a potential City Council member.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.