

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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Riverfront Commission

Minutes
February 20, 2007

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 Boeschenstein
Tom Kenyon	Ken Henry	Marianne Tilden
Leslie Kiebel	Deb McCoy	Dennis Pretti
Dave Soker		

Also present were Steve Acquafresca, Brad Taylor, Mary Orn, Tim Sarmo, Joe Moreng, Steve Moore and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Dennis D. /Tom. Motion passed.

Announcements – Retreat on March 3rd, social to follow at 6pm at Pinon Grill. South Downtown Plan meeting on February 26th, 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Introduced Steve Acquafresca to members.

New Business – Discussed Legacy, will submit concept paper, if board likes concept paper, will be asked to submit application. Started with 20 projects. Steve reviewed projects being considered. Talked about new bridge at Blacks Bridge former location. Removed from this process. Audubon/Botanic Gardens are also being considered. Others are Lower No Thoroughfare Wash and Riverside project. Open space – list of properties along the river being considered too.

Discussed target budget – looking at 50% cash and in-kind.

Bennett said other projects aren't dead, just not being considered for Legacy but need support for other funding sources.

RTC Black Bridge – talked about what group is trying to accomplish in renovating old DOE compound and need for bridge. Mary Orn explained how/why group was formed. Non-profit. She talked about trails being used by employees (currently fenced in but can get through fence very easily). Steve added great wildlife area and just 5 minutes from downtown. Former Park down there. Dennis P. agreed to volunteer to help work on this project.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Master Trail Planning – Steve talked about process nearing end. Info available on internet, showing both designated trails and proposed. Can printout own maps plus low tech of pre-formatted map. Hope in June to have workshop in various communities. MC GIS will be keepers of data. Thanked MC for allowing GIS to help with project. Will be getting thank you letter off to MC.

Status of completing inventory – Bennett talked about what he has gathered and that there is about 30 miles of trails. Will keep working on project. Need to make sure to gather all history from founding fathers.

2007 t-shirts – Deb and Marianne said that Mrs. Smith's second grade class at Bookcliff will be doing artwork.

Palisade – Tim still hasn't heard anything on waterpark. Rumor has it that bid is about \$1.5 million currently within \$97,000 of \$1 million.

Old Fruita Bridge – All agencies have signed off. Water is starting to rise again; everything is in place for first phase to divert water away from north pier. Low water season will put rip wrap around piers.

South Downtown – Open house Monday, March 26th at 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Two Rivers.

Audubon – Bennett gave update on Center as well as history of why Audubon is involved with riverfront. \$2 million project – GOCO will only fund outside projects not the building.

Riverfront History Walks – Kathy, Dave Soker, Marianne, Bennett and Lenna Watson with RFF have expressed interest. Need to get dates and trail info to Michele at least 30 days in advance of the walk. **Really need to get these scheduled.**

Video/KAFM – Greg has filmed Legacy meeting and will be filming retreat. Would like to talk with founding members. KAFM currently doesn't have time available but have some other shows can get on.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

Urban Trails Update – Joe talked about Study Area reviews. Hope to have revisions by June.

Partners - Steve Moore said spent day with Brian Woods and Greg Linza reviewing property. Bruce Noble leaving this week for Oklahoma. Would like to give him letter, t-shirts and history book. John invited all members to attend.

Discussed Rendering Plant property meeting with new business owner. Michele will contact City Planning about when this will be on agenda.

Partners – Steve out of town.

Public Comment – John once again marveled at MC stepping up.

Brad talked about article in Denver Post about GOCO pulling \$8.5 million from project.

There was no public further comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.