

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
October 16, 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	Dennis Pretti
Tom Kenyon	Katie Steele	Bennett Boeschenstein

Also present were Denise McGinnis, Joe Stevens and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval**

Katie noted date was incorrect (8/21) should be 9/18. Dennis P./Tom. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – RFC office closed on 10/18.

**New Business**

Clifton Water Tour – John/Dennis D./Bennett/Judge Ela/Brad/Steve/Michele did tour of their property to see where possible trail could go. John stated it was a very “cool” piece of property. Need one more piece west of their property and could have trail from 32 Road to Palisade. Will need to talk with Drainage District. Pike property has dike on it but Pike not currently in favor of trail. Thought the tour was positive. Best route along oxbow better and very beautiful – lots of cottonwood trees.

John thanked those that showed up for the cleanup on County’s property. Relatively clean. BBQ also was fun.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business**

GOCO grant – Application due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Two projects, Lower No Thoroughfare Wash and Clifton Nature Project from 32 Road to Arnett Property. Wally Piccone with GOCO will be here on 10/18, not sure who all will be on tour. Still working on budget issues.

UTC - Denise/Dennis D./Tim Woodmansee toured area for trails. Will need to contact Feds to see if Fed money used on 141. Bridge guy (?) wants to meet and go over easement issues with RFF and who will hold the easement (City of Grand Junction).

Old Fruita Bridge – found some money to move forward with application for a \$200,000 State Trails Grant.

KAFM noon show October 23<sup>rd</sup> – trying to get Brian Mahoney. Can be heard at KAFMradio.org. Discussed taping shows.

KRMJ video – Has lots of interviews, now contacting art teacher that had students design the 2007 Concert Series t-shirts. Rusty with Partners and WCCC will also be interviewed. Joe added that the City has video with Jim Robb walking the trail.

Discussed Partners Annual Dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree.

Tamarisk Coalition – Bennett said City applied for Army Corps grant and received grant to help remove tamarisk with the County. Big project but very exciting. Need to have Tim Carlson with Tamarisk Coalition contact Brian Woods or Roger at Clifton Sanitation.

Master Trail Planning – finally convinced Duane that there needs to be closure on the project. Will do presentation at December IGA meeting. Been fruitful exercise, need to keep partners in communication with each other.

PR – Kathy unable to attend.

There was no further old business.

### **Committee Reports**

UTC – Thanked RFC for invite to clean up. New members enthused about canal trails. Still reviewing and updating UTC Mater Plan. Joe said it would be very beneficial if RFC and UTC members could attend a City Council meeting and give input.

Partners – Nothing to report.

### **Public Comment**

Joe said City is working on their Comprehensive Plan. Discussed problem with money going to infrastructure rather than funding park projects. He said when Wally comes to town need to ask how we can compete with projects on Front Range that have guaranteed funding sources.

John stated message delivered that no representation from Western Slope on Board. Do have Bernie Buescher who is on Joint Budget Committee. Bennett added need to show Wally big picture and partnerships.

No further public comment.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.