

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
February 19, 2008**

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
Bennett Boeschstein	Katie Steele	Dave Soker
Ken Henry		

Also present were Brad Taylor, Steve Acquafresca, John Heideman, David Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – The \$ amount of the recreation center should be \$27 million not \$27,000 million. Bennett/Dave. Motion passed.

Announcements – Retreat is April 5th at 7:30am at DOW. Tour should be done around 1:00pm. Will be touring Tilman Bishop Wildlife Area, Audubon and Grand Junction Wildlife Viewing Area.

WATER Club wanting to do a trail clean up on Saturday, April 26th. If interested, please let Michele know.

No RFC meeting in April.

There were no further announcements.

New Business

Expiring terms - Corrie resigned due to new job in Salida. Dave Soker – no. Kathy Herzog – still need to find out. John Gormley – probably. Would like someone with PR & marketing and web design.

Ken talked about Assistant Principal at FMHS. Steve Acquafresca stated that there were many qualified candidates during the interview process. Would it be possible to see if any of them are still interested? Michele will check with Stephanie Tuin.

Public Info talks – John will be doing a presentation at Women League of Voters in March (3/10). They expect 50 to 80 attendees. Another presentation to Rotary in June. Bennett volunteered to go along.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Updates – Ken state Fruita received a \$200,000 grant from State Historical Society. He is concerned because City won't let him spend \$30,000 for rip wrap. Had bid for \$180,000 last year. (\$385,000 less \$100,000 from County).

Fruita election is April 1st so could do work depending on outcome of election (if water isn't too high). Still some against saving bridge but most want it saved. Have been asked to apply for a Carnegie grant.

Ken was featured speaker at conference in Denver.

PR – Kathy out of town. Dennis P. talked about Ride for Robb on September 13th. His job is to talk with the new publisher of GJ Sentinel about the event. Bob Silbernagel helped write RF history book. Bikers will start at Corn Lake and end at Corn Lake. Walkers, etc. will start at Connected Lakes. Looking for great media coverage. Other groups will be able to have materials available at the meeting spot.

Dave talked about PR committee getting together for lunch to start moving process forward.

Video – Bennett nothing to report.

KAFM – next show is 2/26. Bennett will be out of town. Joe Skinner and Pat Kennedy would be good to talk about the Ride of Robb.

T-shirts – Judy DeVore working on brochure for meeting on Thursday. \$10 entry fee - \$100 to first place winner.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

UTC – David talked about Ken Scissor's new subdivision on Little Park Road. He asked for exemption from bike lane on Little Park Road.

Bill Taylor did presentation on bicycle park (Painted Bowl).

Discussed new subdivision at 25 ½ and F ½ Road.

John added that the RFF co-chairs discussed having RFC member attend UTC meetings. Dennis D./Dave S. Motion passed.

Ken talked about Lower Valley Urban Trails being turned down by City but does see the need for a comprehensive trail plan.

Partners - Brad said close to finishing up transferring property for new sewer plant.

Public Comment

Brad had nothing to add.

Bennett invited John Heideman to attend because of meeting today with Ken Salazar. Senator Salazar is a friend of the RF project. John talked about \$80 million legislation passed last year but not yet appropriated. Also working on CO 206 plan for tamarisk removal from Palisade to CO/UT state line. 2007 projects funded but not this year. \$ would have a huge impact on removal of noxious plants and revegetation along riverfront. Thanked everyone for letters of support to help the Senator to carry bill forward.

John also talked about volunteer project working with State Parks and VOC in April. He will go to Ft. Collins and pick up and then drive back. Another issue discussed was the possibility of a volunteer project on Watson Island. Have numerous ongoing volunteer projects.

Steve and Jon Peacock met over in Denver last week regarding the election process. He talked with GOCO member Rubin Valdez. John G. stated he talked to Jon about GOCO Director wanting to meet with Jon Peacock to give feedback and help smooth ruffled feathers because of no \$ last round.

Dave talked about Palisade having to upgrade sewage plant. Keep in mind if Palisade does connect with Clifton Sanitation.

Katie asked about Brady Trucking. John said still working on it. RFC did draft letter to City to move away from recreation center.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.