

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
June 17, 2008**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Dennis DeVore	Bennett Boeschstein	Katie Steele
Kathy Herzog	Dennis Pretti		

Also present were Denise McGinnis, Steve Aquafresca and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval –Katie/Bennett. Motion passed.

Announcements – July RFC meeting will be in Palisade at Riverbend Park.
CRCS t-shirt/auction sign up sheet passed around.
RFF meeting on Thursday morning.
T-shirts have been ordered.

There were no further announcements.

New Business

IGA float trip – had 19 participants. It was a large success. Stopped and looked at Nature Park. Real good trip.

John did Rotary presentation – showed five minute DVD. Discussed longer version for Channel 12.

PR – Kathy touched base on having “speaker’s bureau” around DVD. Need to call Chamber for list of service groups. Would like to show to Commissioners/City of Grand Junction/City of Fruit/Town of Palisade and schools. Great to send with grant application. Steve said he might be able to show on Monday at Commissioners workshop meeting.

Need to thank St. Mary’s and Dan Prinster.

John talked about projects coming on line. Discussed each RFC member putting together a list of ten people to contact for fundraising.

Everyone thought the Sunday insert was great. Thanked Kathy and the Sentinel staff. Would like to do on an annual basis. RFF has been slow to change donation \$ amount, “Buy a foot of

trail” so RFC changed the basic donation to \$50 and deleted “Buy a foot of trail”. Would like to come up with donation levels. To be discussed later.

Rotary asked if RFC interested in a park – said yes.

Future topics – how much money has been raised, spent on projects and GOCO money received.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

CDA Family Fun nights – discussed having a table, group said no but would do a group ride at one of the events.

Updates – Ken unable to attend but Old Fruita Bridge still standing.

River Forum – good attendance. Dr. Russ Walker, Rob Bleiberg, Brian Mahoney, Tim Sarmo and Michael Warren were the discussion panel. Talked about watershed, dry streams; keep open as greenway, safety, etc. Will check with Hannah Holmes to see if minutes were taken.

KAFM – Dave Soker was to be featured guest but he is out of town.

Robb River Rally – press release to Fruita/Palisade. Working on registration form. Tamarisk group interested in doing something in fall on the river. Would fit in nicely with RRR. Have asked them to contact Pat Kennedy and Joe Skinner.

There was no further old business.

Committee Reports

UTC – Denise updated about doing presentation of revised UTC Master Plan to City. City Planning will be attending July meeting. Had a table at the Bike Festival in May.

RFC vacancy – four openings. Kathy and John re-upping. Rob Ropson, ? Watts from Palisade and a biologist from the Redlands have applied. If you know of anyone, please have them apply.

Partners – Nothing to report.

Public Comment – Steve talked about County’s upping support to \$120,000 from \$100,000 to City of Fruita. County having easement researched on both sides of bridge to see if County owns. Bennett said yes.

Katie talked about the Shores development. There is 20 foot easement for Old Spanish Trail – made as part of public record.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.