

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
October 21, 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	Katie Steele
Ken Henry	Gust Panos	Frank Watt
Bennett Boeschenstein		

Also present Felicie Williams, Brad Taylor, Steve Aquafresca, Steve Bliss and Michele Rohrbach.

Welcomed new members. Did introductions around the room.

**Approval** – Ken/Katie.

**Announcements** –

There were no further announcements.

**New Business**

John talked about future trails. County working with RFC for property on south side east of Nature Park (Hoey Property).

He talked about issues with Arnett property and agreement when easement made - cattle underpass for cows to get down to river. Still working on ironing out the problems.

John explained mission of GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) and \$ amounts given to projects in the valley.

Nature Park construction is moving forward.

Ture Nycum with the City of Fruita called John about grant received to help with Master Plan for Fruita area. First meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. John asked for volunteers. John encouraged Bennett - Katie and Dennis D. volunteered. Said it should take four to six months.

There was no further new business.

## **Old Business**

Brady Trucking – John updated on what has happened with property. City has approved rezone. RFC got a 50' wide trail easement and 25' of landscaping easement. Talked about different types of zoning that the trail currently goes through, agricultural, industrial, non-industrial, residential and open space. RFF is pleased with easement received, realizing neighbors aren't happy.

Bennett talked about Jarvis property before the clean up and what happened to get property cleaned up.

Talked about Trust for Public Lands (TPL) coming in to help with land swap. Worked on it for six months but deal fell through.

Bennett talked about two zones but Brady wanting one zone – industrial. City Council was split for many months and then recently one member changed to go with industrial zoning. Group currently passing petitions to put before a vote. Must collect 1,800 signatures by Friday.

Katie talked about needing to keep balance as RFC.

Discussed how City tried to make a good faith deal. Neighbors haven't come up with a workable solution. Brady has spent a great deal of money to clean up the property. John added that the RFF and RFC always try to work on a win-win situation.

Bennett added that he feels City should do as Mesa County has and put \$500,000 per year aside for acquisition.

Steve A. talked about MLT's mission. MLT make of point of staying out of land use issues and zoning, prefer to keep an arms length. This approach has served RFC well too.

There was no further new business.

## **Updates**

Old Fruita Bridge - Ken said closer to having contract with GA Western. Hope to have piers replaced next year. He talked about grant for Master Trails Plan. He also talked about Ken Lake at end of 18 Road being approved with hard surface trail down to the river. He talked about 88 acres land deal with State Parks but will contain a trail. Connection would be four miles but looking at soft surface rather than concrete.

Talked about going under the bridge at 32 Road and all entities involved in that.

Video – Bennett updated on video – gave history of project for new members. Video is almost done. Have five minute version done. Hoping to have by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

KAFM – next show on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Need a guest. Frank said he'd be happy to do the show.

## **Committee Reports**

UTC – Steve updated on what they've been working on. New member came on board last month. Lively discussion about debris in bike lanes. Working on bike/hike swap in February. Continuing to work on plan review. Working a standardized language for responses to City.

Old Spanish Trail – Katie talked about meeting over the past weekend. She presented what she and Bennett researched and easements that run with the property and trail. Discussed improvement on trailhead.

Williams Memorial – Felicie updated on what group has been working on. Group looking at Fruita area, was interested in Dougway Trail but Monument not interested in that trail connection. She asked for suggestions. John suggested she become involved with Fruita's Master Trail Plan. Bennett gave her a few other ideas.

Partners – Nothing to report.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.