

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
March 17, 2009**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Katie Steele	Dennis DeVore
Ken Henry	Gust Panos	Frank Watt
Reg Price	Kathy Herzog	Bennett Boeschenstein
Tom Kenyon		

Also present Steve Aquafresca, Brad Taylor, Paul Peck, Paul Darr and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Reg/Dennis. Motion passed.

Announcements – Retreat on April 4th – 8:30am to 11:30am. Social that evening at the Pinon Grill.

New Business

IGA meeting – new faces at BLM (all are very energetic and enthusiastic) bringing them up to speed on Master Trail Plan to help with their resource management plan. Paul met with them today.

County Commissioners are very supportive of getting trails completed in next few years. Working on a map with multiple layers. Brad taking some members on tour of proposed connecting parcels.

Bidding environment is currently good. Will be known for 26 miles of trail.

Consent agenda today – Clifton Sanitation District – approval for Riverfront easement.

Positive movement on Arnett easement.

Speakers Bureau – passed around signup sheet. Add additions if not on list. April 4th – video will be ready.

PR – need to work on plan for 25th anniversary. John to talk with RFF about laptop and projector.

Discussed map that County/Riverfront/State Parks is working on, hope to use at Service Club meetings.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

CRCS – First piece of artwork has been received.

Fruita Master Trail Planning Process – Ken talked about concerns being raised in a commuting trail from Fruita to GJ. Ken wants to include in Fruita Master Trail Plan. Has been added to plan. Asked for letter of support regarding Old River Road right-of-way. Will need one bridge. Dennis said rail road may have complaint on commuter route for Old River Road.

CDOT will be in town on March 25th, confusion on date – Paul P./Bennett/Katie/Dennis D. to attend.

Video – will show five minute at retreat. Greg will set up and show.

GOCO – gave most of the report earlier. County going out to bid.

There was no further old business.

Updates

Old Fruita Bridge – Bridge lifted up yesterday and new I-beam put in place on north pier. Next fall will do south pier.

KAFM – Elizabeth with UTC was on last month. Need someone for March 31st. Would like to talk about Clifton section – John said to wait, he said BLM would be great to have talk about their Resource Management Plan.

Ken thanked all parties involved in saving the bridge.

Committee Reports

UTC – Paul updated on planning efforts for more trail connections within urban trails area.

Partners – Brad talked about tour he took some new members on – another tour tomorrow and has space for one more person if anyone would like to go. Frank added that Brad did a great job.

Public Comment – Bennett talked about his work in DeBeque. River park connections to Palisade and Garfield County. He also talked about the need to at least have trails marked on maps – trails don't need to go straight, can go around.

Tom apologized for all the meetings he's missed. Said need to make sure to protect your "turf" when doing Comprehensive Master Trail Plan. Need to remind them of zoning and "vision". Tom said he's constantly reminding them to include RFC and UTC plan when doing plans. John

asked Tom to get RFC hooked into the right person to get info on the maps. More comment periods to come. Public Open Houses for future comments. Trails should be basis component of a Comprehensive Trail Plan. Paul asked if just talking about RF trails and Tom said no it's all trails (including UTC). Tom suggested talking to Council members so they don't forget us.

Dennis updated on CRCS t-shirt art.

There was no further public comment

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.