

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
June 16, 2009**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:25pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

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

Also present Paul Peck, Tom Fisher and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Kathy/Ken. Motion passed.

Announcements – Bucket passers at next concert – Frank. T-shirts – Dennis D.

New Business – New Planning Grant – County submitting a planning grant from Junior Service League to Fruita. RFF willing to contribute \$10,000 to cause. Fruita thinking about adding \$10,000. Motion made for RFF to give \$10,000 to Mesa County for Planning Grant. Kathy/Bennett. Motion approved.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

There was old business.

Updates

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken said making progress and upsetting neighbors – especially after article in last Sunday’s Denver Post regarding eminent domain in Boulder County. Discussed problem of showing trails on maps that are a vision not necessarily where actual trail will be. Ken stated Fruita dropped ball regarding communication with Mesa County and others.

Bennett stated County Multi-Modal Plan can show future planning of roads, streets and trails per Judge Amanda Bailey ruling that the City, County and Communities have a right to plan.

National Guard is almost done on restoration of Fruita Reservoir #1. He said there is an easement from reservoir, Dougway Trail to Fruita.

GOCO project update – Tom said out to bid done. Design is done. Equipment on site by end of September.

BLM Resource Plan – Paul had conversation and local office has all info need for corridor through DeBeque to Mesa County line. Have everything for Whitewater area. Tom F. has asked to stay involved for Old Spanish Trail. Down to Delta pulled out and different/own Resource Plan. John said need to remind them about Regional Master Trail Plan. Katie Stevens said soon taking applications for new NCA Advisory Council.

Robb River Rally – Have received money from Chevron. Currently have 16 booths scheduled to participate. Informal bike rides, walks, live entertainment and food vendors.

Old Fruita Bridge – Ken said waiting for water to go down. Working with Mr. Arsubi (?) to have annual conference down there.

KAFM – Katie Stevens was on and did a great job. Tom Kenyon will be on next.

John reminded group that RFC interviews are on Thursday. Tom has withdrawn his application.

DeBeque Plan is almost done.

Riverfront-Right-of-Way – Met and will meet monthly to set plans and goals. Matt Sheader hired by County and he's working on DuPont property easement. 500' – a lot of strategy. Also working with United Properties. Letter to CDOT before next meeting.

Paul talked about BLM property and trail may have to cross a small piece of USFW property.

County have some studies being done in area of 20 Road and 340, 32 Road and Riverbend Park.

Map – nothing to report.

Committee Reports

UTC – City Manager Laurie Kadrich came and spoke to the group. UTC Bicycle Task Force continues to meet on regular basis.

Partners – Paul working on getting letters of support from Federal agencies for GOCO grant. He stated they want to be involved. Next GOCO grant cycle is 2010 and next large grant is 2011.

Out of retreat IGA – Sue has drafted and sent to all groups for review.

GOCO Board here in the fall.

Paul talked about conversation with Steve Moore regarding RFC's need to have annual meeting to update the Regional Master Trail Plan map. Paul added that he is really impressed with what the County, Fruita, Palisade and City are doing.

Paul asked if anyone followed up on Ducks Unlimited inquiry. John said haven't had time but Bennett had sent talking points. Bennett will follow up.

Bennett said Botanic Gardens are working with Tamarisk Coalition to remove tamarisk from Watson Island. He also showed pictures of trail in South Dakota. They charge to use the trail. Trail host stop to see pass if don't have one, user is charged double. John added he thinks passes for canal banks might be the "ticket" to canal banks. Bennett added that by South Dakota charging it does a really nice job of making it a nice trail with lots of amenities.

Paul asked about trail that is eroding. Bennett will check with the City about it.

Public Comment – There was no public comment

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.