

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
August 18, 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	Frank Watt
Kathy Herzog	Katie Steele	Ken Henry
Dennis Pretti	Bennett Boeschstein	

Also present Brad Taylor, Elizabeth Collins and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Katie/Ken. Motion passed.

Announcements – RF history DVD – passed out to each board member.
IGA meeting on 9/3 at 7:00am at the BLM office.

Michele asked if anyone had one of the RFC banners.

New Business – Brad talked about where and what’s going on with State Parks. Budget cuts (\$3 million) having a dramatic impact and expecting more cuts. The cuts are not affecting James M. Robb Colorado River State Parks but are affecting parks along the Front Range. The State Parks budget is 1/10 of 1% of the general fund. They will be complexing parks which will share management. Mesa County parks are stand alone. Economy here has helped keep revenue strong – surpassed \$1 million and 4th in the state. At no point can Colorado State Parks be 100% self sufficient. There will be fee increases. Brad reviewed closures from Director’s letter. He added that another \$2 million pulled from Parks budget. Director looking for suggestions and will be here sometime next month to see what direction GOCO should go.

Brad asked if anyone had been to Connected lakes lately.

John asked if the RFC and RFF could help in some way. Brad said several entities have stepped up and are helping him and his staff. John asked Brad to let us know of how to help get info to his bosses.

CRCS Numbers – Michele gave run down on beer/wine sales, t-shirt sales, food sales and donations collected at each concert.

Dedication of Dominguez-Escalante NCA – Katie talked about it being a great event, good attendance and wonderful speeches. Will look at Old Spanish Trail and connection. Delta County looking at connection.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Speakers Bureau – Kathy talked about sign-up sheet and talking points. She'd like to hold off on this until next month.

She talked about 25th Anniversary and would like to have a meeting this fall. Need to decide how long (all year, etc.), establish special 25th logo and maybe having the Symphony do a concert with a river theme.

There was no further old business.

Updates

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Heard by Planning last week and Council next week. Ken doesn't think it will pass in the form as currently crafted.

John said he talked to GVIC's attorney and they are concerned about safety issues – no one has approached them from this area. (Michele said UTC has an idea but never given the opportunity to present to their board). John talked about a "trail pass" that would release canal companies, charging a fee and fines if trespassing.

GOCO project update – 32 Road to Arnett had 24 contractors show up to pre-bid.

Lower No Thoroughfare Wash - City is moving forward and hope to have done by start of new year.

Robb River Rally – will have 20 booths, rides, walks and raft trips. Math and Science will have activity. Still having trouble finding food vendors. Michele needs volunteers for RFC/UTC booth.

KAFM – Katie did a great job. Will try Tom again.

Riverfront-Right-of-Way – Dennis said haven't met since last RFC meeting but a meeting is scheduled for 8/26. Has seen draft and have lots of trails on it.

Map – Dani worked at Cobb and Associates and she had done work at no cost to RFC. Dennis contacted Cobb to get files to modify maps – they had hard drive crash and gave us what they could retrieve. After reviewing file, it's the website map which doesn't help with new printed map. Denis reviewed options – scan and run small print runs or he could try to work it but it will be difficult and time consuming. The RFC could have someone else recreate. John/Dennis/Frank will talk to people they know.

Committee Reports

UTC – Still working on plan reviews. Laurie Kadrich spoke to the group to help with direction. Have four new members. Bicycle Task Force working on N/S connections.

Bennett stated Colorado River State Parks should speak at Robb River Rally. He added that he has been canoeing lots this summer – river has been jammed as well as ramps. There are lots of fools using inappropriate floating items. Should look into safety issues – Brad said no one willing to take on issue. Brad added that floating community doesn't want to pay when using the State Park's boat launches. Bennett said may need to have a fee structure at the boat launches.

Public Comment – There was no public comment

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.