

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
November 17, 2009**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Ken Henry	Katie Steele
Brian Meinhart	Gust Panos	Bennett Boeschstein

Also present Steve Acquafresca, Paul Peck and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Bennett/Katie. Motion passed.

Announcements – RFC office will be closed November 25th and 26th.

New Business – December RFC meeting is canceled.

LNTFW – under construction and City thinks it might be completed by end of the year.

Ron Arnett – Mr. Arnett has passed away. County will begin work on the 33 to 33 ½ Road easement in February. Steve said Mr. Arnett's ranch is for sale.

GOCO Open house – John talked about GOCO's concern of State looking to their funds for other projects. They heard loud and clear that communities want to see them continue Legacy Program and large projects. Concerns raised about direction of open space and how it's still important here. Discussed lottery advertising and what GOCO is and does.

Talked about being able to add to DVD at later date. Bennett will talk to Greg about getting master copy of initial interviews.

Discussed need for meeting with Laurie Kadrich to review RFC history and contributions RFC/RFF and UTC have made to City.

GOCO Board emphasizing environmental education for youth – don't know how they will fund.

John asked about trail user numbers. Michele has some and will forward what she has onto him.

There was no further new business.

Old Business – There was no old business.

Updates:

Fruita – Will be presenting the 3rd or 4th revision of the Master Trail Plan tonight. Final hearing is December 15th. Fruita will be part of the Special Opportunity Grant – Compton property has reached \$ amount that isn't too high. Planning a ground breaking event for the new sewer treatment plant.

County working on Clifton section. They will be putting a pedestrian bridge upstream from 32 Road. Will actually be a utility bridge with a bike and pedestrian platform on top.

Skinner's son is interested in selling property. Will be giving County Letter of Intent.

BLM Resource Plan – Looking at linkages to/from trail backbone (river). New NCA will probably start in March. Council usually takes six to nine months to seat so March date might be optimistic.

John talked about parcels that don't show ownership (and might be BLM), want to keep in public lands and want to try to get as concept in Management Plan. These are isolated parcels that might work as parking or other amenities. John said shouldn't confine to just valley floor. Motion made by Bennett that letter should be sent to BLM regarding these parcels stating they should be owned by BLM. Katie second. Motion passed. Brian suggested having research attached to letter. Gust likes two tier approach. Send Bennett's letter and then follow up with research.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Michele passed around Kathy's questionnaire. Also looking at meeting after first of the year.

KAFM – Stacy with the Tamarisk Coalition was on last month. Need someone this month. Thinking about someone from the museum. Bennett asked if Steve could be on if museum couldn't. Katie suggested calling Lisa with GOCO and have her on the show.

Riverfront-Right-of-Way – Dennis unable to attend meeting, emailed Michele that there is nothing to report.

Map – same as above.

Committee Reports:

UTC – Joe updated on bike group. Group is interested in working on signage issues. City has done inventory but has no money to replace signs, so looking to RFF for funds.

Partners Report – Paul said USFWL parcel out by United Property is be cleaned up. Receptive to trail through land. Paul asked John if he has seen the MOU (if not, he should), John said no he hadn't. Talked to Shawn about encroachment and possibility of grants for maintenance. Talked with DOW about duck hunting and interest in trail going through hunting areas. Bennett said Sheriff determines where can shoot and can't

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.