

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
February 16, 2010**

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	Frank Watt	Gust Panos
Brian Meinhart	Dennis Pretti	Dennis DeVore	Frank Watt
Kathy Herzog	Bennett Boeschstein	Reg Price	Ken Henry

Also present Steve Acquafresca, Paul Peck and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Katie/Bennett. Motion passed.

Announcements – Still need RFC member to do presentation to Redlands Rotary – Bennett. He will call Ellen Miller.

New Business – Michele demoed laptop and projector.

Frank talked about Outdoor Heritage Days – would like RFC to participate. Event is free. Gave away 700 fishing poles last year. Kathy asked what RFC would do at this event. John thought might be good event for the educational group. Event is Saturday, April 24th at Riverbend Park. RFC will participate.

Frank talked about sponsorship for the 2010 Bluegrass Festival – sponsorship includes promotion on website and materials (sponsorship levels are \$500; \$1,000; \$2,500 and \$5,000).

US Weather Service proposal – Frank said they want to raise level of river by one foot (current levels 10’; 11’ and 12’). He said bank full at 10’ and advisory at 11’ with flooding at 12’. He has concerns about the new levels.

Steve talked about flooding and high-water events being good for more than just endangered fish. Bennett added that the trail was thought of as a buffer – trail will flood but better than having buildings and homes falling into the river.

There was no further new business.

Old Business – Fruita – the bridge’s south pier is complete. Will evaluate decking paint. Ken did presentation at State Preservation Conference. Still need funding. Several historic bridge subcommittee members will come and inspect bridge. Bennett asked what happened to the steel girders and deck planking already purchased. Ken said still trying to find out.

Post plan has hearing tonight.

Fruita Master Trail Plan – completed and adopted. Changes to development code – first reading tonight. 180 acres annexed into City (Big Salt Wash), proposed trail on ? side of wash.

GOCO update – LNTFW needs 2 to 2 ½ weeks of work once weather is nice. County has cut trail into certain parts of Arnett property and parts of Clifton Sanitation property. C ½ trail connection at 32 ½ Road – pedestrian bridge on top of new utility easement over river. Can’t finish until October.

BLM Resource Plan – Paul said draft being out May of next year. Still waiting to hear on advisory council nominations.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Kathy asked if someone was interested in Redlands Rotary, told her Bennett would handle. She told other members of the group if not comfortable going alone, can tag team with another RFC member.

Reg suggested having quilters make panels or quilt to raffle off.

Blue Heron – brought up at RFF meeting and they agreed to fund the cost of project with some assurances from City that they (City) will continue to maintain the trail.

Educational Alliance – Gust passed around before/after aerial photos along with on ground photos for panels to have at CRCS and other events. He talked to Chevron about the Robb River Rally – not really interested in rally but did like the idea of the Educational Alliance. Asked him to put proposal together – probably can find \$5,000. Bennett added that GOCO has added Environmental Education and will be bringing back the Legacy program.

John said EA might work will with the Heritage Day event. Want to get School District 51 on board along with State Parks. DOW is interested. John reminded them of the \$35,000 in Robb checking account.

There was no further old business.

Updates:

KAFM – Bennett said Hannah Holmes was on in December. January 26th will be Tom Fisher and Greg Linza. February will be Lisa with GOCO.

Riverfront-Right-of-Way – Dennis asked if group knew about CDOT inked deal on South Canyon deal. Can use as template for Fruita.

John talked about County's planning grant. Working on parking lot and trail at Walter Walker.

Map – Dennis D. said he and Dave are making changes.

Committee Reports:

UTC – Michele updated on Grand Valley Bikes progress and comments on DDA's Uplift Project and number of bike racks being added to Main Street.

Dennis P. added Ride the Rockies will be back in June. Might be something that the RFC wants to get involved with. Discussed putting map in goody bags – pointed out 2,000 riders, too many maps, too expensive. Thought having panels at beer trucks would be good. Dennis P. will investigate.

Partners Report – Paul passed around key points update. John will contact Dale Tooker to set up meeting with County. He will also talk to him about the retreat.

John talked about past coordinator setting up meeting with some RFC members and RFC partners.

Old Spanish Trail – Paul said Mesa County and Old Spanish Trail Association have applied for a National park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Grant. The grant was approved for a Gunnison Bluffs Trail Planning Project. Planning area is Orchard Mesa to Whitewater.

Upcoming expiring terms – Dennis P. and Reg. Dennis P. will not be reupping. Reg going to think about it.

Bennett talked about film festival (Telluride) at Mesa State and upcoming MOG event.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.