

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
March 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
Brian Meinhart	Dennis DeVore	Gust Panos

Also present were Paul Peck, Brad Taylor, Bill Taylor and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Katie/Dennis D. Motion passed.

Announcements – Need someone to do a presentation for the Downtown Rotary on 9/8 or 9/15. Do not want to see video. John/Kathy/Dennis P. could do because they belong to Rotary group.

Passed around sign-up sheet of Outdoor Heritage Days.

John announced with good news/bad news that Brad Taylor will be retiring on April 30th. Commented on Brad's quiet way of getting the riverfront of where it is today. Thanked him for all his efforts and stated we will truly miss having him as a partner. Hope to engage him in Riverfront project at a later date.

New Business – T-shirts: Not sure if have enough time to get artists artwork together soon enough for this year's series. Talked about just selling old t-shirts. Dennis D. will talk to Russ Mendelson to see if he'd like to donate for this year. Plan on selling old t-shirts this year to get them out of Michele's office.

IGA update – John stated that someone from Grand Valley Irrigation was there and commented on their view of trails on the easements, etc. Float trip will be on Friday, June 4th – Ruby Horsethief.

There was no further new business.

Old Business – Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken unable to attend.

GOCO update – County is continuing work on projects. Trying to find more money to clean up Arnett property. Walking path at 32 ¼ Road, trail will be delayed until the bridge is complete

and thinks County will put trail up to C ½ Road. County will be going for enhancement grant for pedestrian bridge, trail to C ½ Road and park – looking for letter of support for grant.

John reminded everyone about the touring retreat on Saturday, May 1st. He asked Brad where the best place to stop between 29 to 27 with 28 Road being the best place to stop and see. Will look at LNTFW and then go to Walter Walker to view 24 Road to 20 Road. Paul talked about the property that Brad took him to view above the river.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Kathy unable to attend.

Blue Heron Trail Report – RFF agreed to put \$40,000 towards repairs. Paul added that he spoke with Ron Felt today and he said they are going to try and have repaired and rerouted by Ride the Rockies.

Educational Alliance – Gust, Bennett and Carrie Atwood met with the Superintendent for District 51 about the \$5,000 to get kids down to the river. Gust drafted letter to Chevron and is waiting to hear back from the others for changes or comments. Brad said Bookcliff has cut way back this year.

There was no further old business.

Updates:

KAFM – Bennett was unable to attend.

Map – Dennis D./John/Paul and Michele met to review draft, made suggestions and changes and will meet again after Dave makes recent changes. Hope to have ready by April 24th.

Committee Reports:

UTC – Michele gave update. Bike group is officially called Grand Valley Bikes. Fundraiser on Saturday, April 2nd at KAFM and will have a band. Will be at the MOGO event and will have a booth at Earth Day which will be at the Mesa County Fairgrounds.

Jennifer and Joe met with the manger of City Market on 1st on Rood about how to improve the bike rack situation. Thinks manager would prefer Brown's install new rack and then Chris could advertise on the rack. She was there today but nothing has been done yet. Joe will call him to follow up.

Group is looking into N/S and E/W corridors. Each member is to look at one they feel is good and then will prioritize and begin to make it happen.

Partners Report – Paul passed around key points update. GOCO funding in the fall for Bennett property.

BLM staff has developed alternatives for the RMP. They are now developing proposed travel management direction for each alternative. This includes working through 30,000 travel routes. Draft expected to be released in June 2011. There will be a 90 day public comment period.

Final Environmental Impact Statement released in June 2012. Record of Decision released in December 2012.

Old Spanish Trail – Mesa County and Old Spanish Trail Association received a National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) grant. Will be for Gunnison Bluffs Trail Planning Project.

Brad asked why didn't receive \$1 million GOCO grant. John stated that MC was 17 and GOCO funded 16. Thinks that Bennett and Pike properties not being ready to go were part of the problem.

Public Comment – Brad asked about plaque and if family contacted Michele. She said no. He also asked he could get another DVD.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.