

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
April 20, 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	Brian Meinhart
Ken Henry	Bennett Boeschstein	Kathy Herzog
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Dennis Pretti		

Also present were Paul Peck, Brad Taylor, Pete Firim, Tom Fisher, Steve Aquafresca, Harry Griff, Doug Conant and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Bennett/Katie. Motion passed.

Announcements – Brad introduced Pete Firmin who will be replacing him on May 1st.

Outdoor Heritage Days – Still need another person for the afternoon shift. Frank will help tear tent down and store.

Retreat and social – Saturday, May 1st.

No May meeting.

New Business – Harry talked about the Los Colonias plan and desire to get the park built. Currently City does not have it on the ten year plan. Said would build the park out of the three parks (Los Colonias, Matchett and Burkey) with the most community support. RFF directed him to talk to RFC for direction. Katie asked how the group will go about getting community support. He stated that he would like to start a non-profit and then move forward. Bennett said important to the Botanic Gardens. Question asked about flood plane in that area. Harry talked about the City/County 2020 plan which was to keep Mesa County ahead on the Western Slope. Kathy thinks as a group that the RFC did support the Los Colonias plan in the past and that it's somewhere in the past minutes. John states the RFC currently has lots of irons in the fire especially with the County's desire to get trail built by 2012. Motion made for the RFC to support the Los Colonias project by Katie for the City to consider it as the number one priority park. Second by Ken. Motion passed. Harry asked about amount of seed money. John stated the RFC doesn't have any money. All funds request go through the RFF. John asked how much was he looking for – he wasn't sure.

There was no further new business.

Old Business – Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken said the plan has been passed. Expanding the riverfront trail, removing tamarisk from area for bike trail and disk golf. Compton property is progressing - \$335,000 is the current appraised amount. Will have access under the bridge to Big Salt and will tie into the FHS. Will also allow trail on the north side along I-70 all the way out to Loma. Critical pieces of property to get into Fruita's land holdings for trail connections. If this happens, some of this property could be redeveloped (commercially zoned) and resold with funds going back to the City of Fruita and to Mesa County. Move ahead with enhancement grant to trail built. Some property is currently held by Valley Investment – City is working with the Trustee to purchase an easement on this property.

GOCO update – Clifton Nature Park – Tom said to go to Channel 12 and see the video which runs ever three hours. Will see first hand on May 1st. Moving right along. Greg said should be complete by September. On Fruita have bidders meeting with contract being let sometime in May (planning grant funds). Have been let on the Skinner property to survey. Right of way agent has gotten the two United Properties (23 Road) just waiting on the final documents. Have a real estate firm working on other properties needed to advance the project. LNTFW is almost completed but won't be open because of bridge replacement being done on D Road/Rosevale. Brad said he hasn't heard back from the DOW but wants to get project done. Steve asked about the rubble along the Arnett property.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Kathy had nothing to report.

Blue Heron Trail Report – Still planning on having done by Ride the Rockies. John asked about the \$ of commitment for the project. Have funds from LiveWell and Alpine Bank may have some funds available for the project.

BLM Resource Plan – Paul said nothing new to report.

Old Spanish Trail – Have adopted a route to get to the riverfront trail. Doing survey on trail condition. Working with private landowner for access across his property. County keeping eye on Shores property to see if opportunity to get it. John and Bennett said

Educational Alliance – Grant has presented the grant request to Chevron and sounds like moving forwarding with processing the grant.

There was no further old business.

Updates:

KAFM – Bennett said needs a guest for next week. Stacy was on last time and could come on again.

Map – Work is moving forward. Dave is making minor changes. Alpine Bank and Browns Cycles will be advertising. Won't be ready for Saturday (Michele found about 60 of the current map for Saturday). Will print 7,500.

Committee Reports:

UTC – Doug said the most excitement is the GVB – fundraiser on Friday. Lots of new people and working on alternative routes to get commuter rides around town.

Partners Report – Paul passed around key points update.

Public Comment - There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.