

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
June 15, 2010**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Brian Meinhart	Dennis DeVore
Frank Watt	Bennett Boeschstein	Ken Henry
Dennis Pretti		

Also present were Paul Peck, Steve Aquafresca, Rob Bleiberg, Keith Dickerson, Tom Fisher, Pete Firmin and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Bennett/Dennis D. Motion passed.

Announcements – Dennis and Reg will man the t-shirts at the 7/1 concert. Took in \$11,665 for beer and wine and \$1,145 in donations.

John talked about the Compton property and that the County will be closing on it in the next week or so. Great trail connection under I-70 and to Little Salt Wash.

New Business –

IGA Float trip – A great day to be on the river - a good time was had by all.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Maps – Dave Dawson was able to resurrected old map and modify with current changes. Passed them out to all attendees.

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken working on design for trail off the frontage road. Working on grants to extend the trail from 6 & 50 to Compton Property to the James M. Robb Colorado River State Park in Fruita. Hope to have the trail up to the hospital.

GOCO update – Tom said the Clifton Nature Park should be complete in July or August. Still have a few issues on the Arnett property. May have to go back and talk with Mrs. Arnett to get a little bit more easement to correct the issues. Will start the trail across the river to C ½ Road and

should be done in April. LNTFW is completed but bridge isn't done and not sure when it will be done.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Kathy unable to attend.

Blue Heron Trail Report – City has completed the trail repair but did not get the cracks fixed before the Ride the Rockies.

BLM Resource Management Plan – Paul said group is still working on that. Talked about Wild and Scenic designation group recommended not going for the designation but recommending taking it to the legislature for moving the boundary from the hundred year flood plane to the river's edge.

Meeting tomorrow in the Public Meeting room to discuss the plans for the Bridgeport boat launch and the railroad to resolve issues.

Old Spanish Trail – Paul stated that Katie attended the meeting in early June and the Shores property is tied up in litigation that the County Attorney is working on getting an easement on the property.

Educational Alliance – received \$5,000 grant from Chevron. This is the fund that would have been used for the Robb River Rally. This will allow the District 51 to transport kids to the river and other outdoor educational areas.

There was no further old business.

Updates:

KAFM – Bennett said need a speaker. May have the Trail Hosts on this week. He stated he is a trail host and said that he has noticed a larger amount of homeless people along the trail. Botanic Gardens were broken into last night. Police did catch the person responsible. Audubon is still moving forward with work on the Education Center.

Committee Reports:

UTC – Keith thanked the RFC for the repairs to the Blue Heron Trail. Many of the UTC members use that section of trail – you can't even tell where the old part of the trail was. He talked about the GVB survey completed last fall. The Riverfront trail was the most bicycle friendly trail but more for recreational users rather than commuters. If anyone is interested in seeing the survey, let Michele know and she can email it out to you. Group is also working on the signage issues. Doug has volunteered to coordinate a meeting with all interested parties. (Bennett suggested inviting Ciavonne & Roberts).

Partners Report – Paul said County is waiting on signed documents for the BLM easement on 23 Road. DuPont easement – underlying landowners are interested in just selling out so Matt is working on a \$ value – if works out will not need easement on DuPont. Paul said this morning that when they were out at the Arnett property close to the Pike property, Mrs. Pike's daughter-in-law came out and expressed concerns about the trail being so close their home. Hopefully

door open to start negotiations with family to get easement along the river. Paul further discussed the connections out towards Palisade with the preferred route going online the river. Rob added that the Land Trust has been working with the Pike Family. Design contract in Fruita from State Park under the bridge up to highway may be included in the contract.

Rob said the Land Trust is working on easements on the buffer properties (Fruita side).

Tom stated that there will not be a Legacy round this year. There will be grant opportunities so will need to regroup.

Pete is currently working on two GOCO grants to be used in Fruita. Needs to talk with Tom about the trail plan for Los Colonias. Pete doesn't want to mess things up but also doesn't want to see the property owner go up just because it's the last parcel needed along that section.

Steve said Ken and Tom did a good job updating on the Fruita Connection. He also talked about the Wild and Scenic designation and the alternatives. Steve said the implications for the Western Slopes rivers are very important. Steve said doesn't really effect the riverfront trail but the Delores River is now tied into larger segment.

Town of Palisade – Frank nothing really to report. Bluegrass Festival was good. Weather did cause a decrease in attendance from last year. Other than that, was pretty good.

Tom talked about the WHA grant funding for construction and it looks like all of the funding will go to the riverfront trail project. Fruita will get some money; some will go to the trail planning and some to the 32 Road.

Ken said almost completed the Mountain Bike trail in Fruita.

John added that four members terms are up and Dennis and Reg will not be reupping but Ken and Katie both did.

Public Comment – There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.