

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
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Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
September 21, 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	Gust Panos
Mary Ann Cooper	Leila Reilly	Kathy Herzog
Frank Watt	Brian Meinhart	Bennett Boeschstein

Also present were Brad Taylor, Tom Fisher, Paul Darr, John Heideman, Steve Aquafresca, Pete Firmin and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval – Mary Ann/Katie. Motion passed.

Announcements – RFC office closed 10/1 to 10/15.

Trail clean up on 10/16 with BBQ to follow later in the day. Location to be determined. Audubon Nature Center celebration on Saturday, 9/25. Will do some bird banding and have refreshments.

New Business –

Trail dedication – great turn out. Thanks to all that helped with the project and celebration.

LNTFW trail – would like to have a dedication for this trail. John will talk with Laurie next week to see if can't get something set up.

New member tour – Paul will set something up. Pete and Steve A. would like to attend.

Price Stubb Parcel – Palisade has agreed to take the Jacobson parcel if he donates it to the Town. John thinks it's a good idea to keep this available for future trail access.

John asked if anyone attend the BLM meeting yesterday. Paul and Katie did but will report later.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken was unable to attend but John read his email.

BLM Resource Management Plan – Paul said nothing new to report – probably nothing ready until May or June. (Michele to take off until Paul said to add back on).

Speakers Bureau/PR – John will be speaking at Rotary tomorrow. Kathy gave an update of what transpired at the 25th Anniversary Celebration meeting. Looking at trying to do something during the year and tagging onto other events happening throughout the year. Photography contest, street banners, newspaper insert, 25th anniversary logo, school activities, multi-day concert. Everyone to bring back ideas at the next meeting on 10/19. County Project Update – Tom said well into design. He said the Compton design isn't quite as far as Ken stated. Did get a lot of really good feedback at the open house. Have meet with CDOT for the trail between here and Fruita. Very encouraged. Still working on properties down along the river.

Educational Alliance – Gust said all the funds have been allocated for the year. Average cost is \$50 per trip. DeBeque will be getting \$2,000. Gus tendered his resignation and will be leaving GJ next week. Group is sorry to see him leave. Old Spanish Trail/Gunnison Bluffs – Katie said they've come up with a mission statement and goals. Open house on October 6th at the Fairgrounds. Following Saturday will have a trail cleanup. County has actual survey on the ground – now of legal record.

Updates:

KAFM – Bennett said that Gust and Christy McGee with School District 51 were on. Station is doing fundraising this month so no show but will be back on again in November. Tom would like to be on sometime after the first of the year .

Committee Reports:

UTC – Paul updated that the group is working on bicycle corridors from the north to the south and from the east to west. Will prioritize next month and then pass along to the City. Also looking at drainages and will review those at the next meeting. Tom said that the County has had some success with working the drainage district along the DuPont property.

Partners Report – Paul said working with Mike Vendagna with the City Park & Recreation to go for a State Trails grant for repairs. John added that after the last UTC meeting, Jody Kliska went back and talked with Trent Prall about the RFF willing to put funds towards the cracks on the Blue Heron Trail. Paul really thinks the City should go for this grant. John stated need to find ways to re-engage the City back into the project. McGinnis Canyon – showing at Avalon on Friday night. Steve added that the friends group is hosting an art contest.

Planning process for the NCA process – move meetings coming up – one in Delta tomorrow night. One next week here and will be covering Cactus Park. Katie wanted to know if John wanted her to attend. He said as long as Katie or Paul could attend, that would be great.

Katie added about the recreation uses of the NCA. Multi-use, recreational use, motorized and non-motorized, architectural preservation were talked about.

Old Spanish Trail – Meeting today and have had a few setbacks.

Public Comment – Steve said County is working on the budget changes. County has almost the full one half million dollars directed towards the trail connection.

Tom said that is seed money and will be used to apply for GOCO grant – using the funds to get more money.

Pete will be giving a presentation to an equestrian group from the Front Range on Thursday night. Talked about where horses can be and where they can't be. Not allowed on trails within the City of Grand Junction. Snooks Bottom is good place. Clifton Nature Park, Palisade Riverbend Park but not on the grass, State Parks trails.

Going with will design for the Fruita trail. Will have directors over in October to walk the trail to see what State Park's has built and property purchased.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment– Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.