

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
November 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	Dennis DeVore	Katie Steele
Mary Ann Cooper	Leila Reilly	Kathy Herzog
Frank Watt	Stacy Kolegas	Bennett Boeschstein
Ken Henry		

Also present were John Heideman, Brad Taylor, Pete Firmin, Bill Prakken, Tom Fisher, Jason Wiedemyer, Julie Sabin and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval** – Paul Peck was not listed on minutes. Kathy/Katie . Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Welcomed Stacy. Did introductions around the room.

IGA meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00am held at the BLM office out on H Road. This will serve as the RFC December meeting. No RFC meeting in December.

**New Business** – Three Sisters Property – Bill Prakken talked about the Land Trust possibility of putting a conservation easement on this property. 140 acres – was going to be developed into high end large acreage lots and then changed it to high density development with outline development approval from the City. This property could tie LNTFW into Lunch Loop. The Tuckers are considering donating a conservation easement (currently listed to \$3.2 million) to MLT where it would eventually turn over to the City. Working on getting an appraisal done on the property. Would need to have fundraiser to raise funds to purchase the property. Possible source of funding could come from an estate of a gentleman out of Boulder. Currently on the short list but haven't heard yet. Bill asked if RFC thinks appropriate project to put some RFF money towards. He will probably be back if project moves forward.

Ken asked how this project stacks up to other RFC projects. Bill admits it's not along the riverfront but it is a good connection from LNTFW to Lunch Loop. Bennett added that it's in a flash flood area. Bolders have been known to come down the wash.

Bennett talked about OST and the 100 acres involved.

Jason talked to the group about GVB and the grant opportunity the group is pursuing. He talked about the group came about and what the group is trying to accomplish. Finalizing their board and fundraising. Group is partnering on a Safe Routes to School grant. He explained the different types of grants available under the program – safety and infrastructure. GJ could apply for the infrastructure piece in a couple years. Jason asked if the RFC would be willing to write a letter of support. Grant amount is \$10,000. Bennett said that the multi-modal plan did include safe routes. Bennett motioned to support. Ken second. Motion passed. Ken added that Fruita has applied this grant and will be adding lights in the school areas.

John talked about the Marlana Hall property in Clifton. Clifton Sanitation is interested in buying the property and an appraisal is now coming out at \$75,000. John asked if the RFC should have the RFF support Clifton Sanitation to purchase the property. John said the advantage to the property is that it has sewer/water/electricity already on the property. Frank asked what the RFF's portion might be. Bennett asked if the property would have trail easement. John stated that it would be more as addition to the Clifton Nature Center with increased parking and restroom facilities. Frank thinks should keep focus on riverfront projects. Group agrees with Frank. John will not ask RFF for money.

There was no further new business.

#### **Old Business –**

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken said thanks to Stacy for keeping her application in for RFC. He also thanked her for the TC work down at Kings View. Work is moving forward on design work. Pool at recreation center is almost completed and will be filled on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Compton property has two box culverts to get under the interstate. Under contract for bridge at Little Salt Wash. Sewer treatment plant will be turned over to the City in August, 2011. Lagoon restoration is around \$300,000 and will be put off until next year. Ken is to be in Denver tomorrow to except an award for reclamation of Snooks Bottom.

BLM Resource Management Plan – Katie said BLM is in the process of lots of meetings. Katie said the BLM has lots of maps available showing trails. Comments can be made until May, 2011. Think Advisory Committee appointments may be made early part of next year. Ken asked what area is being looked at. Katie explained how it's been broken into sections and each section is being discussed.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Kathy talked about what was discussed at meeting before the RFC meeting. Committees were set up and will be meeting as sub-committee groups and then having a group meeting before the next RFC meeting in January. Currently have 15 members.

Speakers Bureau – John spoke to rotary in September. John showed the County's Channel 12 video. Bennett said School District has distributed video to all 51 schools.

County Project Update – Tom said County applied for a \$500,000 GOCO grant for trail and have been notified that they on the short list and should be under construction in the spring.

Hall property obligates the County funds for 2011-2012. Will be making an offer to Skinner. RFF is committed for \$50,000. There will leave one property between 27 ½ Road.

Still working on an IGA with Palisade. Will be working with Fruita and Grand Junction in the next few weeks.

Will be going for a spring GOCO grant. Not sure if will be able to go for construction grant but a planning grant could be possible. Looking at from Fruita to Loma.

Old Spanish Trail – platted a prescribed easement on the trail. All OST will have easement across it.

Design project for the whole Fruita section is underway. United easements will be signed and transferred on Monday. Hope to have design out for the Fruita section (by the State Park) out by end of year.

Educational Alliance – Bennett said all funds have been spoken for \$5,000 for District 51 and \$2,000 to DeBuque. RFF added another \$500. Katie asked if there was any way to get the media to cover.

#### **Updates:**

KAFM – Bennett said Vickie Femlee was on to talk about OST and the Orchard Mesa neighborhood committee. Frank is on next.

#### **Committee Reports:**

UTC – Julie talked about the 2035 plan and talked about the preliminary list of priority non-motorized trails. The riverfront trail was number one on the list. There were a couple of commuting bicycle routes high on the list. Some UTC members would have liked to see more of those higher on the list. Group asked about a few that they didn't see. Tom and Julie agreed it was good to hear what was missed. Bennett was disappointed that canal trails were not included but was told that they were still being considered. UTC is continuing to work on a list of priority. Tom said the most exciting urban trail to come out was the east/west Orchard Avenue.

Partners Report – Paul was unable to attend so John reviewed Paul's update for the group.

Old Spanish Trail – Discussed earlier.

**Public Comment** – Pete said the Tipping property has been approved. Still needs to go work through the Parks process. Working on planning grant will coordinate the construction with the County.

Bennett talked about the recent Fire and Water concert and then the actual fire on Waston Island. Audubon was looking at picnic shelter at the nature center but the flood plane has been revised and more or less makes structures on the property a no go.

Monument is showing video at the Avalon on Thursday night at 7:00pm.

Mary Ann asked about the Blue Heron repair and funding. Jarrod Timothy with the City worked up a bid for the repairs. The RFF agreed to pay the \$17,000 need to repair the trail. Project will be completed next spring.

Mary Ann asked about LNTFW and a dedication. RFC may have to take the lead.

She said that they took some friends out on the trail last Sunday and lots of people on the trail.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.