

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
January 18, 2011**

**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	Ken Henry	Bennett Boeschenstein
Brian Meinhart		

Also present were Parrish Watson, Paul VonGuerard, Biz Collins, Paul Peck and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval** – Frank/Bennett. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Congrats to Brian on his new position at Congressman Tipton’s office. New website – Michele gave all the template number that was chosen and stated that if someone didn’t know what the template looks like, she’ll email the info tomorrow. She also stated that she is looking for photos to upload to the new site. Hoping to have new site on line by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business** – Paul P. gave a brief history of the Blue Heron Trail repair completed last year. Paul V. gave PowerPoint presentation of what has happened to the trail with erosion. Paul P. said still leaves question of ongoing maintenance. Thanked Paul V. for coming.

Topics for retreat – Mary Ann and Stacy have talked to Michele about ongoing maintenance issues. Katie suggested 25<sup>th</sup> celebration event. If you other comments or ideas, please get them to Michele.

New member recruits – John talked about getting new members with connections and likes public speaking.

Brady Trucking – Bennett gave an update on the Appellate Court’s ruling regarding the City’s zoning the area industrial so citizens took it to court. Sent back to the District court.

Dominguez/Escalante NCA – Had first meeting in Jan. Five members from this area, Paonia, Delta, Mesa County. Katie Stevens gave the group great instructions on the laws. Katie feels that the group will be very engaged. Katie’s job is to represent recreational and historical use. She thinks the area that will be most contentious is the motorized vs. non-motorized.

Bennett asked if the BLM is looking at the Gunnison as a wild and scenic designation.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business –**

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken thanked Katie for the very nice write up in Sunday's paper. February 12<sup>th</sup> will be the community Center dedication at 8:30am – email invites will be arriving soon. Had soft opening past weekend and lots of people there using the pool. Gov. Hick was there on Friday. Library is moving in too. Ken went to Denver and received award for cooperation with Elam Construction regarding reclamation.

IGA is topic of discussion tonight. Fruita will be responsible for trail within the city limits and the County will be responsible for trail in the county area.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Kathy stated not a big turn out in November. Mary Ann agreed to be the chair of the Outreach/Events. Sub committees will need to meet before the February meeting.

County Project Update – Tom unable to attend, but Paul stated that in the design process and meeting with all the parties of interest. Section along the interstate is probably the most talked about section. Hunters have concerns. 20 Road to visitor center being considered for the highly populated area.

Educational Alliance – Bennett didn't have anything to report. All monies have been spoken for. Michele said she still needs a report from Christy McGee to get to Cary Baird at Chevron.

Fruita is doing a bicycle/pedestrian study tomorrow night from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Civic Center.

Old Spanish Trail – Paul said working on plan.

**Updates:**

KAFM – Bennett said Tom Fisher was on December 28<sup>th</sup> and gave an update. Mary Ann agreed to be on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

UTC – Biz talked about letter to Todd Hollenbeck with the UTC comments and priorities for the 2035 plan. Group is looking into working on signs along the trail. Will be taking on updating the UTC Master Plan. GVB will be participating in the Worst Day of the Year to Ride coming up at the end of February.

Partners Report – Paul talked about right-of-way offer on the DuPont drain. Have asked for additional easement from United Companies. Offer has been made to the Skinners. MLT is working on an offer for the Pike property.

Friends of the McGinnis – received a grant to have an Executive Director. Social/Mixer at the Hot Tomato in Fruita on Thursday. Paul thinks a good group to keep an eye on. McGinnis Canyons NCA is expected to release the report.

**Public Comment** – Katie asked about LNTFW dedication. Michele said something she is working on and will keep group updated.

Rusty Lloyd has replaced Tim Carlson at the TC.

Bennett talked about decision regarding the Delores River.

Mary Ann wants to keep the maintenance issue on Blue Heron out there since was moved to spring.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.