

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission**

**Minutes  
March 15, 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	Ken Henry
Bennett Boeschstein	Brian Meinhart	Stacy Kolegas

Also present were Donna Ross, Tom Fisher, Paul Darr and Michele Rohrbach.

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

**Announcements** – Retreat, Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Social at the Bookcliff County Club later in the evening.

Intergovernmental Agency (IGA) float trip – Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Put in Corn Lake; take out State Park in Fruita.

Lower No Thoroughfare Wash (LNTFW) trail dedication on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** – New ped bridge at 32 ¼ Road has been installed. Trail going out for bid. Bridge should be done by the end of the summer.

Website – Up and running but still need to tweak. Hopefully will have done in the next couple of weeks.

There was no further new business.

**Old Business** –

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Ken said Clint was informed that the City of Fruita received a State Trails Grant for \$250,000. It would be for trail down from 6 & 50 to State Park. Ken said National Guard will be removing tamarisk. At meeting tonight, will be annexing all property in IGA.

IIG property mined about 34 acres of gravel. Once reclamation is completed by United Companies, IIG will be donating the property to the City rather than to State Parks. There public access with a parking lot.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Michele and Stacy updated that the group has met and continues to work on timeline and getting numbers for budget for the fundraising committee.

County Project Update – 60% design on the Fruita Connection. Entering the planning and approval process. Gone out to the all the agencies that can approve or deny design. Have had meetings with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Corps of Engineers (Corps), US Fish & Wildlife (USFS), etc. expect a month and half process before hear back. County has received several letters from a small group that do not want the trail. Would like to see positive comments from folks. Tom will get info to Michele for people to get comments to the planners.

Ciavonne and Associates will be working on the Ken Lake property. Ted thought there might be some opportunities before selling to get an easement.

Appraisal being done on Skinner property now with “in lieu of first right refusal”.

Fruita working with some of the Department of Energy money left over to work on concepts for the choke points on the Kokopelli Trail.

Educational Alliance – Bennett said that 1,016 students have been outdoors thanks to Chevron. Working on getting more info for chart for RFC and Chevron.

Old Spanish Trail – Bennett said there was a hike that Paul Peck and BLM took people on from Whitewater boat launch to Kananah Creek trail. Tried to stay on all public lands. Think that they did but problems with the trail to the railroad property. Upcoming meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the RTPO office. Bennett said he and Leila are working on trying to get the courts to give an easement for the trail. Leila wrote letter and has tried to reach the attorney but he won't return her calls.

NCA – Katie and Steve unable to attend. Katie was elected as co-chair of the NCA.

#### **Updates:**

KAFM – Bennett said once again Mary Ann – will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon with Lori Gregor.

John said that the City thanked the RFF for the funds and will be repairing the trail once the batch plants open for the season.

#### **Committee Reports:**

UTC – Paul stated that Ken Simms was out the meeting to discuss updating the UTC Master Trail Plan. Ken has asked the group to update the map and will be having work session at next meeting to work on revising the map.

Partners Report – see Paul's attached report.

**Public Comment** – Pete followed up on the planning grant, it will be the next cycle that his funding will be diminishing.

John talked about the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning and the fundraising activities. Looking at finding cost of construction of trail. Would like to have something that people can visualize with a price tag for capital campaign fundraising purpose.

Paul has some questions regarding the concert series and costs.

Wild and Scenic at the Avalon on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.