

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
January 11, 2000**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:30pm by co-chair, Jamie Lummis. Those present from the Committee were:

Jamie Lummis	Ken Scissors
Robert Traylor	Diana Cort
Robb Reece	Bill Findlay

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Linda Dannenberger, Judy Spehar, Elvis Guin and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes. Diana seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements

Jamie announced that Gerry Tucker has resigned from the committee as a co-chair and member. He has business opportunities in Canada for the next year or so.

Robert Traylor has agreed to be the new co-chair.

Four new members had orientation last Friday and felt it was a good meeting.

Also have received John Paxson's resignation. His position with Coors Tek is taking him out of town too much. Back down to nine members on the committee.

Retreat will be on Thursday, February 10th at the Riverfront Commission conference room starting at 3:30pm to 8pm. Jamie encouraged everyone in the room to attend. Jamie and Robert will meet with Tim to set an agenda.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Jamie read letter Ken Scissors wrote to Pete Baier regarding working with Carl White. Jamie encouraged everyone to write a thank you letter after meeting with City and County staff.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Master Plan - Ken followed up on new East Orchard Mesa loop and Carl White has signs up. There were few gaps and Ken and Carl have talked about them. Will try meeting with Town Manager in Palisade to see what the town would like with regard to signage. Ken would like to see a trailhead kiosk at Corn Lake. Ken also talked about the State signs and how they aren't well received by the public. Carl will be going to a State meeting to see if he can put a strip on these signs so riders won't be confused and think they've gotten off the route. Jamie asked Ken to contact Ken Simms to update his master map with this new loop. Ken is still trying to get Martha over to talk to the group.

Recreation use of the canal banks - Briefed the group on the Redlands Water and Power policy that was mailed to all owners. Jamie, Robert and Janet Terry had a meeting with Orchard Mesa Irrigation District and informed them that Redlands Water and Power had adopted a policy for Canal Banks. Asked for their concerns and opinions. Liability was a major issue for them - Robert will forward a copy of the memo he did regarding the legislature he's researched. Mark MacIntrye with the City is working on maps of the Redlands area to determine ownership.

Community Awareness - Birgit was unable to attend so there was no community awareness update. Robert suggested recruiting new members that have skills and experience for this committee now that it's a committee of one. Discussed about UTC having a web page of their own.

Public Comment - Jamie introduced Linda Dannenberger of the County Planning Department. Looking forward to working with her and her department. Linda said the County has adopted a new Land Use Code in November and it goes into effect in May of 2000. Jody added that the City and Mesa County are jointly rewriting the transportation engineering design standards. Currently half way through that and the UTC Master Plan is being used in rewriting this document.

Jody talked about the Walkable Communities workshop on April 6th and 7th (Thursday and Friday). She'll get back with more info. Speaker has web site www.walkable.org. Jody will let group know if she needs help with anything on the workshop.

Judy Spehar commented that she'd like to participate in the retreat if possible. She is interested in an internship with the UTC while working on her degree at Mesa State.

Elvis said he was at the meeting to see what UTC was up to and to inform the members of what was happening in Palisade. He is very concerned about a trail that will connect Palisade with Corn Lake. He feels too much private ownership and there will be problems with some landowners. He thinks the best option for a trail system would be the Grand Valley Irrigation canal.

Bill asked if there has been further discussion on the rails to trails from Grand Junction to Fruita. Shawn had to leave so couldn't ask him. Robert thought easement ownership was an issue and would have to do similar to canal banks to work out an agreement. Jody will email Jamie with the name of the person with CDOT. Bill will contact Shawn to follow up.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.