

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
March 14, 2000**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:40pm by co-chair, Jamie Lummis. Those present from the Committee were:

Jamie Lummis	Ken Scissors
Robert Traylor	Diana Cort
Robb Reece	Bill Findlay
John Halvorson	Birgit Bostelman

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Judy Spehar, and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Jamie passed out calendar for UTC members to present UTC update at Riverfront meetings for the year. November needs a volunteer. Robert volunteered to take November. Jamie reminded everyone that the meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in this room.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Jamie mentioned at the Retreat he would find out more information about Redlands Mesa. The golf course is taking shape. He spoke with someone involved with planning documents, trails are still in place. Will keep group informed as project progresses.

Robert told everyone about his meeting with Grand Valley Driving Club at the Pinon Grill. They drive carts with horses. He encouraged the group to be involved and that UTC and RFC would keep eyes open for soft path trails for them to use. They are interested in the possibility of using canal banks.

Jamie spoke with the Monument Striders. Jamie has received a few emails for individual in the group and he wants to help with the canal bank issue. Soft path for running came up. Jamie informed the group that Riverfront is working on a soft path on Blue Heron.

Jamie reminded everyone that if they have a group that would like to hear about UTC let him know.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Jamie asked everyone if the retreat was good and worth everyone's time. Michele commented that the room was too small, as did Tim Sarmo.

Jamie reviewed retreat notes and specific projects group picked to work on. Trail sections and canals - group decided they were items that would be worked on no matter what - part of prioritization. Discussed Master Plan - not a perfect document but it's a start and can petition to have changed. Went on to talk about committee structure - may not be the best way to get things done. Believes perhaps project specific would be better. Talked about meetings with various groups (MPO, semi-annual meeting with Jody, etc.) Ken thought it would be a good idea for everyone to have something that they are following through on a project as well as something along the order of routine, scheduled business.

Jamie talked about canal banks and the master plan and how they will be on going and require everyone's help. Suggestion made that everyone help with reviewing new developments. Everyone would be assigned to a region so that they become very familiar with the area in that region and when a project comes up, the plans are automatically forwarded onto that person for that region. Ken believes people would be interested in area close to home. Group agreed. Jamie liked idea of going and meeting with Community Development to help see where development is happening. Ken would be happy to work with everyone so they know what they are doing. Jamie asked Ken to set up the meeting with Community Development. Ken will keep the group updated.

With regard to the remaining 12 items on the list, Robert said, he thought the idea was to keep these items in mind when looking at new developments. Jamie said need to check with Jody and the City to see where or if they fall within the City's priority list of improvements. Ken said that a current status report needs to be made on each of the items and who is the involved parties and what is needed to make them happen. Jamie suggested meeting with Jody to see what the City has planned out for the next few years and bring back to the group. This would be helpful in applying for State Trails Grant. Diana volunteered to meet with Jody.

City Council has agreed to provide staff to help map ownership and provide council as UTC starts getting into agreements and figuring out easements. Need to establish game plan for opportunity with Redlands Water and Power. Continuing to contact four other canal entities. Robert said need firm statement as to what the City will do with regard to

liability so when it's brought up by the Canal Companies, there is an answer. Other concern expressed has been maintenance and Robert isn't sure what the Canal Companies want from the City. He believes should take up Redlands and contact landowners along the canal. Need to get a map of the area. Ken asked about doing a canal banks master plan, Robert said he and Bill have drafted one. Ken asked if they could bring it to next meeting.

Jamie suggested before identifying and talking to owners - have to know what City is going to do about indemnifying landowners and UTC has to know what type of easement or right of way UTC is going to get. Both need to come from Dan Wilson, Jamie and Robert will meet with him. Need technical services to work on mapping Redlands Canal.

Ken commented he can't read the UTC Master Plan because lettering is too small. Jody thought the City could plot out a larger map (Terry Brown).

Ken said that realignment of committees, especially canal banks will need more than just Jamie, Robert and Bill. Jamie and Robert agreed.

Jamie and Robert then covered the prioritized list. Robert thought some could be grouped together. Jamie will work on the "Drainage D" item. Birgit will work on the bike safety issue. Robb told her to contact a bike shop and Robert told her to contact Hilltop regarding their helmet give away that is coming up. Neighborhood routes to school falls under the Master Plan so Ken said he will continue to incorporate this into the projects being developed. Ken needs to meet with Jody regarding safe routes to schools, Jamie volunteered to help. Jody will be going before the council to ask for money to start the process. She will keep Jamie and Ken informed of what's happening. Jamie reminded everyone that all members are partners and are invited to any meeting if they would like to attend - he will continue to email everyone about meetings.

Discussed future development of ag land and that should not miss opportunities that may and will come up. Shawn suggested adding trails and bike lanes to the master plan even though they will be outside the UTC urbanized area (19 to 32 Rd). Shawn and Jody said UTC should contact the MPO to get an updated map and to look at it to see the big picture of future trails/bike lanes. Robert suggested having Bennett with the City of Fruita to attend a meeting and talk about what they are doing out there. Robert didn't know what the MPO is so Jody explained who they are and what they do. Jamie asked if there were two individuals that could attend the monthly MPO meeting. Jody will find out the day and time. The other meeting discussed was the twice annual meeting with Jody. Discussion was made to gather a list of all organizations:

- MPO - Cliff Davidson, Ken Simms
- Transportation Engineering - Jody Kliska
- Mesa County Traffic Services - Carl White
- Mesa County Public Works - Pete Baier
- Community Development (City of Grand Junction)
- Mesa County Planning
- City Council

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contact, regularly meeting times (if any) and telephone numbers/e-mail. Michele said she would gather for the group.

Robb talked briefly about the web site. He said everyone can help with it. If they run across info on the net and get the link to him so he can put it on the web. Robert reminded everyone that the site will be opened to the public so need to watch what is discussed. Robb said there can be an area that is only for UTC members to email one another. Jamie suggested that Robb and everyone that is interested get together for a separate meeting to give Robb some direction. Robb will email members when the meeting is set up.

Will review the list next month.

Jamie reminded everyone about the Walkable Communities workshop on April 6th and 7th. Wanted to know if it would be a good idea to meet with Dan Burden one on one. UTC members liked the idea. Michele will set up a reservation for dinner.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment - Jody passed around a traffic study from 1996 to 1998, broke out pedestrian/bicycle accidents plus top problem areas.

Ken also brought up his comments on his project review. Wasn't sure how to proceed. Jamie/Robert felt a co-chair should review before submitting to Community Development. Ken gave to Jamie and Robert.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.