

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
May 9, 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	Robb Reece
Robert Traylor	Diana Cort
Clark Rieves	Bill Findlay
John Halvorson	Birgit Bostelman

Also present were Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Michele passed out Grand Valley Music Festival schedules. Jamie told everyone the concerts are great and everyone should try and make a few of them.

Michele reminded everyone that the Riverfront Commission would be meeting out at the new Fruita State Park next Tuesday night at 5:30pm. Brown bag dinner and would love for UTC members to attend tour.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Bicycle Safety meeting on May 16th. Birgit said the time has been changed to 4pm from 10am at the Grand Junction Police Department. Robert or Jamie and Michele will attend with Birgit. She also showed the group what she has gotten to give to the kids. Still working on what to put the items into - envelopes or little bags. She provided everyone with a draft of what she would like to see covered, knowing that the others will have ideas too.

Canceled mass bike ride on June 3rd. It will be rescheduled for July meeting night. Will include family members, do ride and then have a BYO picnic in a park. Ken to schedule a family ride. Jamie to e-mail Ken.

Jamie asked Robb about the web page. He's still gathering information and working on digital maps. Robb suggested everyone to view the County's web page - GSI section.

Robb checked out the new area off Horizon Drive - talked to Ken about it. The will be on street paths on 27 '12 and Horizon. Question was asked about bike lanes through the round about. Jody stated that they do not stripe bike lanes in the round about - bicyclists are to take the whole lane while going through the round about.

Robert talked about meeting he and Jamie had with Dan Wilson. They have put together reading material and are working on a draft letter to homeowners that own the land or are adjacent to the canal road. Generally telling them what the City is proposing - in one case, need permission, in another case, don't really need permission but going to tell them what we're doing and here are the rules. Will also have a question and answer sheet. Robert then showed everyone on the map what he or she is looking at. Dan has already spoken with several people within a subdivision. Working on a list of owners. Will ask members to review the list to see if they know anyone and would be willing to talk with them about the use of the canal banks.

Bill talked about making the trails year round usable, making the surface accessible when the weather is wet or snowy because the clay really does make a mess.

John said he contacted Doug Cline about the street cleaning. Doug explained the schedule of street cleaning and that there are only two street cleaners. Discussed that the cars are keeping the street area clean but will check to see if sweepers are doing several passes through the bike lanes to make sure everything is cleaned out of the bike lanes.

Bill brought up the Safety Committee - Michele said the Lenna Watson was going to contact Birgit about heading the Safety Committee. Birgit will contact Lenna about this opening.

Jamie said Diana e-mailed him for a name of someone she could contact on a regular basis. He will get with her after the meeting with whom he thinks would be a good contact for her (Sue Gormley with Mesa County).

There was no further old business.

New Business

Robb said he met with Ken before he left and is trying to get some information on No Thoroughfare Wash. Redlands Water and Power supposedly donated this to the Riverfront Foundation. Talked about the one owner with the duplex that was built onto the

easement. Ken and Robb have walked the area for a possible trail. Have signatures from owners that would like to proceed with trail - just not sure how to proceed. Robb just wanted to know what the status was. He showed other areas of interest that goes further out - to Blacks Bridge. Bill said need to take to Foundation about the Wash. Redlands have agreed to having neighbors or a scout troop to clean up the area.

Birgit went to the MPO and updated the group on what was discussed. South Camp is next on their list (\$314,000 - \$254,000 from State and the City and County are jointly matching). Jody said they would be doing a detached trail with work starting this year. Bill brought up the money from the developer that was put into the pot but not used yet. Jamie suggested Bill contact Pete Baier to check status of these funds.

Birgit also talked about the MPO's plans for the "transportation" (bus/train/taxis) depot (currently the Amtrak Station). Owners are doing renovation now. Bus rider ship is about 550 people. They are nine buses short and want to expand.

Birgit said there was a trucker at the meeting who blamed her for UTC putting bike lanes and taking away the truckers lanes. MPO is working on new truckers route within the City. Currently working on studies. They also sent her a CD but she is unable to open it. Robb will take it and see if he can open it.

She also said she received a call from Fourth Graders in Orchard Mesa - they are very upset that the bike lane has been completed and the path they had to Duck Pond Park is now gone (they are not happy about it). Next MPO will be in June.

Robb asked about the new footbridge over the canal and wanted to know who was responsible for the work (Doug Cline).

Jamie thanked everyone that did the subdivision reviews. He also mentioned that on May 18th have been asked to be a guest speaker at the Community Development morning meeting to talk about the Master Plan. Jamie would like to have Ken attend but he will be out of town and wanted to know if they should wait until Ken gets back. Everyone felt it would be better to wait until Ken is back in town.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment

Jody said she had breakfast two weeks ago with Martha Roskowski. Martha is really pushing for bicycles and one connection that came up was the one from Grand Junction to Fruita.

Ken left a message for Jody about South Camp and the possibility of restriping it. She's not really sure what area he's talking about - is it the Trails West area? Jamie explained what he meant. Jody will go out and take a look.

There was further public comment.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.