

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
December 12,2000**

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	Janet Hollingsworth
Robert Traylor	Tim Fry
Diana Cort	John Halvorson
Clark Rieves	Bill Findlay
Judy Craddock	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Cliff Davidson, Shawn Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

John motioned, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements

Reminded everyone about the Riverfront Commission's social on the 19th. Need to RSVP to Michele by Friday.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Jamie updated on Canal Banks. Have identified landowners and will be contacting them first part of the new year. Robert and Jamie have met with GYIC to come up with their own policy similar to the Redlands proposal.

Urban Trails Master Plan Revision: Birgit had a family emergency had to leave town. Will do her presentation in January. John will do his presentation too.

Robert brought up conversation he had with Dusty Dunbar (RFC member/Fruita) about the 6 & 50 corridor and River Road. Fruita would like to talk with UTC and City of Grand Junction about potential of this area. Jamie agreed, should talk to RFC and Fruita. Clark, Bill and Diana expressed interest. Shawn would also like to be involved. State

Parks should be contacted to see what they are doing along the corridor.

New Business

Cliff talked about the Riverside Bypass. He also spoke about the renovation of the train station and that Grand Valley Transit will be moving into the building. Jamie said this would be included in Downtown area in February. Cliff said they are still working on grant process. City and County are on board. Hope Federal Transit will become involved.

Discussed tunnel and where it is in budget and the cost involved in bringing it up to current standards.

Cliff said will be doing study of Redlands corridor (340) and will need to tie into what UTC is doing to Master Plan. Cliff said it's very important to coordinate efforts. He then explained what they are trying to accomplish with the \$150,000 study.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment

Cliff talked about Grand Valley Transit - how it runs, pickup/drop off points. Currently doing improvements to stop owned by Community Hospital (GVT gives no compensation to Community Hospital for use of this site). Last month transported 108 bikes.

Mesa State students voted in \$4/semester, which allows students to ride for free. RE-5 students are also using transit as well as Welfare to Work program. Currently working with District #51 on program similar to Mesa States. Plan comes to stop in 2002 unless funding is continued. Cliff reminded everyone that this is not mass transit but mobility - doesn't see being mass transit for a long time down the road. They have an employer pass program for \$20/year. Regular annual pass is \$150/year. Youth pass is \$10/month.

Jody asked about extending hours. Cliff said they are hoping to do next year as well as provided Saturday service. Shawn asked about chartering buses for after hours and off hours. Robert asked about regular route in Redlands - currently "dial-a-ride". Cliff stated that once demand increases, would become regular route. Airport route currently is low on rider ship. Not heavily advertised but to work on in the future.

Day after Thanksgiving had over 800 people use the system. Have had several days of over 800/day.

Cliff also has CD of transit route available. Michele to request 3 from Cliff for UTC.

Jody talked about Independent Avenue and open house last month. Plenty of right of way commercially but residentially there is not. Residents on South side really want to keep parking. Talking about another open house.

Shawn - FYI, looking for help on Youth Mountain Bike Group through Recreation Department in spring.

There was no public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.