

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
December 11, 2001**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by co-chair, Jamie Lummis. Those present from the Committee were:

Jamie Lummis	Judy Craddock
Tim Fry	Birgit Bostelman
Diana Cort	John Halvorson
Bill Findlay	Robert Traylor
Ken Scissors	

Also present were George Miller, Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

John motioned to approve the minutes, Robert second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Jamie will be UTC member to report at RFC December meeting.

RSVP's for the RFC's social are due by December 14th.

Jamie asked John if he would be attending the Clifton Traffic Study. He couldn't but Clark could go.

Michele informed the group that the RFC would have a new email address after the first of the year.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Urban Trails Master Plan Revision: Dan Wilson was unable to attend. Jamie discussed what happened at joint meeting last month. He said UTC would probably be appearing more frequently before these groups. He encourages all members to speak at these meetings, state name and state view on cause. It's important to be heard. Jamie stated

that GVIC submitted comments for the new plan the morning of the joint meeting – long after the comment period had been closed. The City did adopt the new plan while the County did not; they want to have a workshop to further discuss canal banks. Jamie said he doesn't feel all is lost, will further discuss issues at meeting next week. He feels group is on the right track. Ken asked if Persigo (201) Boundary is the same as the Urban Growth Boundary. Jody wasn't sure. Keith Fife had recommended that UTC should include both keeping consistent and showing both on the map. Jamie needs to write something up (Mission Statement with Robert and then get comments from UTC members).

Jamie stated that even though it only was half approved, it didn't diminish any of the hard work done by the group. All were disappointed by the ambush by GVIC because that was not what UTC was presenting. Jamie spoke with Jim Griser the next morning about what happened. Jim was unaware that their attorney was going to do that. Jamie also told Jim that there were some misstatements made to the commission by GVIC's attorney. Jamie informed the group that Jim has recently met with the City Attorney regarding a canal agreement.

Judy stated UTC members will need to be well prepared for the workshop – perhaps each member will need to study a section of the feasibility study. Jamie said he wants to get some direction at the meeting on the 19th and then will let group know. Jody suggested having an outside facilitator for the workshop.

Bill felt it was really the canal issue that was a problem because so many farmers there stood up and made negative comments.

Robert said he and Jamie met with Kelly Arnold today. Kelly said group should take map one-step further with construction standards. This would help planning when it has issues come up. Kelly wants to get rid of gray area – it now would be black and white. Jamie knows it would be a lot of work and things would need to be inventoried. Jody said there are trail standards. Jamie said for the canal banks - not looking to use current trail standards. Need to develop standards for canal banks that would give options available. Kelly would like input from UTC, which would confer with Jody.

Discussed maintenance of trails, which are viewed by Kelly as amenities and what happens when budget is tight.

Talked about process of what happens when going through Community Development. Ken has concerns about getting into standards that are too rigid. Kelly wants to have meeting with Robert, Jamie, Mark Relph and Joe Stevens to get one person who will be the point person. Robert talked about possible trail behind Renaissance and how this would all work with everyone involved. Ken asked if UTC would have any say in which person this would be. Jamie said it would be Mark or Joe.

Jamie asked Jody what happens at the workshop. City Council has asked UTC to come and give update on UTC with narrative on history, what has been done, update to master

plan and update on canals. City Manager has asked for input on person with City on implementing UTC Master Plan.

Jamie said there is \$49,000 in the City's approved budget for UTC (thanks to Jody). Jody added how it's a multi-facet project.

Talked about sponsor entity needed for private landowners who give permission for recreational use on property. Liability would be the sponsoring entities.

Jody added that the City Planning Commission is more informed before the meetings where the County doesn't have that opportunity.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

Judy asked if going to schedule a retreat. Group discussed what they should cover – will review outcome from last retreat. Michele to include with January's agenda. Tim suggested having as an agenda item in January.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.