COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 245-0045

Urban Trails Committee Minutes April 8, 2003

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by co-chair, Jamie Lummis. Those present from the Committee were:

Jamie Lummis Birgit Bostelman Janet Hollingsworth Walid Bou-Matar

Also present were David Lame, George Miller, Shawn Cooper, Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

There was not a quorum present at 5:45pm.

Announcements

Diana to attend RFC meeting on 4/15

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Committee Updates

Canal Banks – Jamie said City has had good meeting with GVIC a few months ago. City Council has approved reply to 15 points made by GVIC. Had meeting with Jim Grisier last Thursday, Jim wants to meet with Joe Stevens and Dan Wilson and small group of GVIC people. Jim wants to recommend opening canals up. Jamie said they road 5 miles on north side and he said should go that way, there are problems around Mantey Heights but can work around it. Jamie said they've agreed to not make a big splash, no press release, etc., just let it happen for a year and see what happens. This way UTC won't have to go out and collect signatures from landowners. Everyone feels this way will be too cumbersome and take too long. George asked about landowners complaining about increased use – Jamie said that's what GVIC will have to work out. It's now in the hands of the City and GVIC, UTC is no longer involved. Shawn asked

about potential landowners complaining. Jamie said City already owns several tracts, other large tracts are rental and others have already been fenced.

Janet asked about south side users. Shawn said he and Joe want to go and look at signing. Birgit recommended placing sign within 100' feet from entrance stating to use north side with rules. Walid asked about "No Trespassing" signs being removed from north side and placed on south side. Walid also talked about "adopt" a section for service clubs.

Jamie talked about siphon on 12th Street and the dangers there. Several recommendations were made to help correct this problem that GVIC liked.

Shawn asked if any consideration made for crossings – especially Patterson. Talked about getting off at 7th, following 7th and then getting back on canal. Shawn suggested putting fencing up to keep people out of dangerous areas. Talked about making crossing at bridge on Bookcliff to keep off 12th Street. Timeframe 4/15 to 5/15.

<u>Property Trade</u> – Tim unable to attend.

<u>Outreach/Public Awareness</u> – Still planning June 21st celebration. Botanic Gardens is involved. Michele has info in RFC newsletter and Botanic Gardens is involved. Michele still waiting to hear from State about tee shirts, etc. Looking at having punch, water, etc. Hoping to have maps, maybe prizes and will talk about vacancies.

Still haven't heard about grant.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

Jody said City and County Planning Staff were discussing UTC Master Plan. Ken Simms wants comments by staff 4/18 then moves to Planning Commissioners to approve amendments, earliest would be June but probably later.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.