

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee  
Minutes  
July 8, 2003**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by chair, Robert Traylor. Those present from the Committee were:

Robert Traylor  
Clark Rieves  
Tim Fry

Ken Scissors  
Judy Craddock

Also present were Jody Kliska, Dusty Dunbar, George Miller, Shawn Cooper, Kent Leinbach and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Quorum not present to approve the minutes.

**Announcements**

Tim to attend RFC meeting on 7/15.

Michele gave plans to Ken for comments.

There were no further announcements.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**Committee Updates**

Canal Banks – Robert said GVIC still has not agreed to agreement that Dan Wilson drafted. Dan will continue to press.

Redlands – met with Dan Wilson and Joe Stevens last week. There is a section owned by the City between second lift to South Camp behind Trails West. Have policy in place adopted by

Redlands in 1999, so Robert would like to open up. Won't be able to get to Parkway but at least a mile people can use and turn around and go back. Robert drafted letter to Greg Strong with Redlands. He hopes this will get GVIC to move forward.

Tim raised concerns with trail stopping and easement. Shawn doesn't think easement goes through active canal.

Will talk to landowners about proposed trail on canal banks. Dusty suggested keeping it real easy for everyone to understand.

Property Trade – Tim doesn't really have anything new to add. George is trying to get alternate easements. Landowner isn't willing to support UTC's proposed choice so Tim doesn't feel UTC should continue to support his desire for trade. Tim will continue to stay in contact. Discussed easement issues with property.

Outreach/Public Awareness – Judy said pleased with turnout at celebration. Most people still are interested in river trails, most unaware of what UTC trails are and how it ties into the Master Plan. Most comments: transients, safety issues, Chris Brown stopped by with a riding group.

Robert asked how Bike to Work Day went. Judy said it took her 20 minutes for 5 miles. Talked about how to get more people to ride to work. Shawn suggested taking a lunch hour at St. Mary's to show people how to safely ride to work. Tim said that there is a company in Minnesota that got by with a smaller parking lot because so many of it's employees rode bikes to work. Robert suggested they go talk to various employers.

Master Plan Revision – Ken said he talked with Kathy Portner about Master Plan revisions. She suggested he talk to Shawn. City staff doesn't want to put a lot of effort into process if going to stop with County. Shawn said canal trails have been issue with County, they want them off the map but he doesn't want it off the Master Plan just the public distributed maps. Ken said minor changes wouldn't be yearly thing, revisions caused by changing software programs. Robert said he talked to Dan Wilson about canal trails and Dan recommended adding to code and removing lines. Ken suggested having one Master Plan with everything on it but have ability to break out different sections of map.

Robert thinks UTC needs to meet with County Commissioners. Robert will set something up with commissioners to do presentation.

Ken said he and Jody will be getting together soon on Master Plan for signage.

Robert asked about trail standards, something group thinks needs to do for canal trails, improved/unimproved and off road/on road. Need to get down in writing, pass onto City Planning for approval and adoption. Clark said he'd be willing to do research. Jody pointed him to Shawn.

Robert stated he would be speaking at Kiwanis Club on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ken added that he will be stepping down from UTC but will continue on as ex-officio.

## **Public Comment**

Kent Leinbach (UTC applicant) gave history about himself and his interest in UTC.

Jody said it's almost time for applications for Walkable Communities Workshop. UTC will need to update letter of support. Jody said she has money in her budget and Tom Fisher in his for next year.

Jody asked if UTC could influence County on Monument Road. Will look into.

Dusty talked about Road Access Policy for Mesa County, it does speak to right of way for the future. Will be public hearing at time it's complete.

Jody added open house for F ½ Road tomorrow and then 25 1/5 Road on Thursday at Two Rivers.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.