

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee
Minutes
September 9, 2003**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by chair, Robert Traylor. Those present from the Committee were:

Robert Traylor	Tim Fry
Janet Hollingsworth	Judy Craddock
Kent Leinbach	Diana Cort
Craig Parker	

Also present were Bill Prakken, George Miller, Dusty Dunbar, Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Introduction of new members made. New members gave brief history of themselves.

Tim/Judy approved the minutes. Motion passed.

Announcements

Michele reminded everyone of the "Welcome Reception" on 9/16 and asked members to please RSVP.

Robert talked about review process of plans received from City and County and what UTC's goal is with them. Kent said he'd take one set. Michele suggested Ken email comments to Robert before emailing onto the City. Tim took one set and Robert took one set.

There were no further announcements.

New Business

Bill Prakken gave history on No Thoroughfare Wash and showed map of where it is and what problems there are with property owners and RFF's easement. RFF thought UTC might be interested in helping get trail built. Bill said he met with County Commissioners about overlapping ownership. County Quit Claim deeded their ownership to RFF, however RFF has decided to not accept at this time. They would like to wait until other issues are worked out.

If UTC decides to take on, it will require meeting with landowners to discuss what UTC/RFF wants to do.

Robert gave the following options:

1. Tell owners what RFF wants to do – fence off enough of the area and construct trail.
2. Sue everybody and go to court and have him or her explain why he or she has encroached on RFF's easement.

Robert thinks first option would be best and take it from there. Discussed how many owners and who would be problem. Mark Gardner (RFC/RFF) suggested going out and marking trail to show owners what trail would look like and how it would affect them. Janet asked about \$ to build. Bill said RFF does have \$ and possibly seeking other funds.

Bill then talked about dangers on Monument Road. He feels someone is going to get hurt or killed. Jody stated that she took funds out of UTC earmarked funds to have survey done. She's having it broken out with only one shoulder and with two. Jody said she'd need UTC's help in convincing engineers that bike path is not wanted but lanes on shoulders. Talked about petitions and how to get signatures.

Bill asked for thoughts and if UTC wants to move forward with project. Tim asked why RFF didn't want to move forward with it. Bill explained reasons. Bill added that if a trail were constructed at No Thoroughfare Wash, the RFF would then deed it to the City or County.

Robert asked if RFC/RFF would be willing to give a couple of members to help. Bill said sure, he'd be willing to help.

Kent asked if UTC/RFC works with the Corp of Engineers. Group said yes. Kent said BLM has a counter on Tauberaughe trail, 25,000 counts in one month.

Group further discussed pros and cons. Tim suggested putting together a small group to bring back info to group. Robert will contact Sue Gormley. Tim wondered if Jennifer Ely should be contacted. Robert suggested UTC members should go take a look and then decide if they want to move forward. Michele to email UTC members to see if Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30pm will work for tour. Will meet at car wash.

Craig asked if UTC gets involved in County project.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Committee Updates

Canal Banks – Robert said he has nothing to report on GVIC.

Redlands – Robert doesn't really have anything to report. He's still waiting to hear from Joe Stevens. Tim said he met with Tim Woodmansee and they discussed the easement. Tim F.

explained the proposed changes. Robert asked when comments were due. Robert suggested Tim F. send a letter to Tim W. to reaffirm what they discussed and to make sure UTC's interest is protected. George recommended copying to Pat Cecil.

Property Trade – Tim updated everyone on the property trade. George had given him some info that he has followed up on. On the map George gave Tim, it showed on Lot 1 & 2 that there is a 30' easement on the canal and pedestrian way. Tim still needs to follow up and do more research. One owner owns both lots. Group thanked George.

Outreach/Public Awareness – Judy updated everyone on Tour of the Valley. Several gave name/address/email to help support UTC efforts. Kent brought his commuter bike all tricked out and with signs. She touched on going to St. Mary's to talk about a company "Bike to Work Day". Robert suggested going to trailhead at Tauberaughe to get comments, especially with regard to Monument Road.

Public Comment

Jody asked if anyone has been polled by? He wanted to know why the City is taking away bike lanes on Orchard (12th to 28 Rd). City never had lanes there to begin with. Jody wants to know if it's something UTC wants to take on. Jody said it would require taking away parking. Robert asked what Jody needs. She said tell her it's okay and then they'd notify owners, hold public meetings, get yelled at but that she would need UTC members to attend the meeting and defend the City's decision. Tim said go for it. Group agreed to go for it.

Jody talked about \$62,000 set aside for implementation of UTC. Will probably use about \$12,000 for survey.

Dusty talked about de-annexed property along Monument Road. There is going to be development on it and it would be a great opportunity for UTC and RFC to go to public meetings and make comments. At present, she hasn't seen anything regarding this yet. She asked anyone if they have commented on River Ranch? Robert said he has the plans. She said there is a trail on the Master Plan for that area. Robert said he'd go back and review again. She said it's important to get RFC members to go to public hearings.

She thanked Robert for letter of support on Walkable Communities Workshop. Vying for one of ten workshops in 2004.

She reminded everyone that she sees all developments in Mesa County and if anyone is interested in seeing any, let her know.

George said Jody was able to get some extra wide lanes on Patterson from 28 ½ Road to 29 ½ Road.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.