

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee
Minutes
October 12, 2004**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Those present from the Committee were:

Denise McGinnis	Janet Hollingsworth	Tim Fry
Lydia Reynolds	Robert Traylor	Bob Tallarico
Kent Leinbach	Craig Parker	Judy Craddock
Paul Darr		

Also present were Shawn Cooper, Kurt Larson, Dusty Dunbar, Ken Simms, Britt Smith, Kathy Portner and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Bob/Janet. Motion passed.

Announcements

Judy to attend RFC 11/16 meeting.

Reminded everyone about cleanup/BBQ on the 13th.

There were no further announcements.

New Business

Robert talked about new members and committee appointments.

Tim was asked to work on UTC Master Plan review. Tim said objective is to explore safe routes. Tim/Janet/Bob/Lydia to work on committee.

Master Plan – Kurt Larson said he would like to revisit in the spring. Robert asked when so UTC members can be there.

Ken Simms and Kathy Portner talked about changes on plan and how some will work on development in Pear Park area.

Paul asked about State Parks proposed one mile of segment to open next “National Trails Day”. Explained how there are various entities involved and how each is responsible for maintenance

for their own sections. Discussed State Parks budget being really tight. Also talked about \$ in budget for City and County.

Ken reminded everyone that there are two new County Commissioners and Tillie is a strong supporter of the riverfront project.

Pear Park – Tim asked if UTC needs to comment on changes. Kathy said yes and that there would be an open house on 12/9. Would like to see UTC members there.

Ken showed 10/16/02 “Draft Revision to UTC Master Plan”. He explained what happened at the meeting and that nothing has really happened since. He did add changes that UTC worked on after meeting to clean up and clear up some areas of the map. There are issues with standards; City uses 10’ while County uses 8’. At the meeting issue was discussed of hierarchy of trails similar to highways.

Believes canal trails will eventually happen. Doesn’t think canal trails should be paved or concrete. Question asked if canal trails would stay on map. City wants them to stay on. UTC will need to discuss with County.

Clarified that City has adopted but County has not.

County working with 1997 version and City is using 2001 version.

History given on map being a planning tool not a use map. Redlands Water and Power has a policy in place. Kathy said the canal bank trails in the City area are good but the Clifton area could be a problem if County doesn’t come on board.

Ken reminded everyone that Fruita has plan and need to keep them and Loma/Mack area in mind with planning future trails.

Bob said he believes canal banks should stay on the map.

Kurt said County Commission is generally supportive of UT trails.

Tim gave history of work done with GVIC until GVIC filed lawsuit.

Robert summarized what Ken wanted from UTC. Ken to give list and timeline of when he wants it done. Ken would like to see new draft done by spring.

Robert thinks Paul should help with work on ongoing canal issues.

Robert then talked about plans needing review of UTC and comments needed. Dusty said to ask for as many things as possible, may not get all of them but it doesn’t hurt to asked.

Judy wants to continue on education committee but she really needs help. She asked Denise for help. She also asked Dusty for her help too. Discussed newspaper ads showing riders with pictures of locals. Also need to bring up other communities where “share the road” is working.

There was no further new business.

Old Business

Denise updated on the RFC tour and how informative it was.

There was no further old business.

Committee Updates

No Thoroughfare Wash – Kent said County would have survey done sometime this winter while working on Monument Road. County won't be able to design but Bill Taylor thinks he may know someone who might be able to help. Craig to help Kent.

Public Comment

Shawn talked about City getting a trail along Leech Creek that connects to another section of trail. City is working on easements rather than numerous 100' sections that would need maintenance but not connect to anything.

Ken said in the new transportation bill, enhancements are still part of bill.

Monument Road is slated for 2006 and 2007.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.