

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
January 10, 2006**

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Robert Traylor. Those present were from the Committee were:

Denise McGinnis
Lydia Reynolds
Paul Darr

Janet Hollingsworth
Robert Traylor
Judy Craddock

Ken Lane
Bob Tallarico

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Ken/Janet. Motion passed.

Announcements

Judy to attend RFC meeting January 17th.

Michele reminded everyone to use the new telephone number and email.

Old Business

Discussed Ken's petition regarding use of the canal bank trails. Bob expressed concerns about UTC sponsoring petition. Looked over language changes Bob had. Group thinks need to keep wordage short and to one sentence. Need to talk with Bicycle Colorado, Striders, health clubs and LiveWell to gather signatures then they present UTC to give to City Council.

Demo Project – Robert is to meet with John Shaver and Kelly Arnold later this month (1/17). He read drafted one page memo regarding actions done and proposal to open canal trails at 25 ½ to G Road. Shawn talked with Joe and he thinks UTC needs to talk to Parks Board.

Bob wants to know how Robert will proceed if John & Kelly say yes. Discussed what happens if say no. Robert wants to know about future connections but will need City's help.

Continued discussion on UTC goals:

- Canal banks

- Review planning documents

- Update UTC Master Plan

- Canned presentation to groups (Jody has one but is dated)

- Michele added LiveWell is looking to UTC for more walks/rides

- Ken would like to see much better signage for trail system

Talked about 1.7 mile disconnect east of Watson Island to Corn Lake.

Bob stated he really doesn't understand who UTC is responsible to – is it the City/County? Where does UTC fit into RFC. Michele explained to the best of her knowledge how UTC came under RFC.

Discussed frustration of how to get things done. Bob wants to see how to get money to make the connections. Question asked what is the future of trails in Grand Junction. Growth plan said wants them/priority. Talked about plan for lobbying, how to promote and develop. Continue to update UTC Master Plan.

Concerns if UTC has to lobby for money that UTC won't be able to do.

Bob just doesn't see anything off street, why? Jody explained priority list and what's been done – easier stuff done first.

Judy said in 1997 City stripping program – one street was done, 3rd Street plus removal of stop signs. Traffic has increased plus speed by 7 miles an hour. Talked about problem with retrofitting old City with bike/walking paths.

Robert asked Bob if particular segment of map that he would like done. He asked about Horizon. Shawn talked about plan and restrictions that need to study. Does Bob want to identify/study/present and get budgeted?

Shawn explained how past UTC groups made priority list and then talked to staff and staff wrote the grant, did the work. If go with Horizon project, will need to work with Horizon group. Are there any other groups interested in project?

Shawn talked about H and G and that they will need future work. Discussed UTC going after planning, estimating, looking for grant money and then taking to City. Shawn said if plans come from citizen group – more clout.

Craig willing to work on street improvements/routes, getting stripping down, get in budget.

Shawn said need to see if Horizon off street is even feasible. Robert asked if enough to move forward. Jody said to go talk to Horizon group.

Robert talked about standards – Ken Simms was going to get them to UTC members but hasn't.

Shawn suggested finding other UTC trail problem areas – Patterson being a real good example. St. Mary's campus another.

Craig read the rewritten one sentence petition. Will continue to work on.

There was no further old business.

New Business - There was no new business.

Committee Reports – None were given.

Members are to bring a list of problems they would like to see fixed. Shawn/Jody to bring priorities.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.