

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
February 14, 2006**

Called to Order

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

Robert Traylor
Lydia Reynolds
Craig Parker

Bob Tallarico
Kent Leinbach

Paul Darr
Judy Craddock

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

Approval of Minutes

Paul was not at the meeting last month but was listed. Bob/Craig. Motion passed.

Announcements

Paul to attend RFC meeting February 21st.

Old Business

Robert said group (John Gormley, Dennis DeVore, Bill Taylor, Shawn, Steve Moore, Michele and himself) meet regarding CDOT issues on No Thoroughfare Wash. County will be enlarging bridge on Rosevale and wants UTC to stay involved.

Robert meet with Bob Blanchard, David Thornton, John Shaver and Kelly Arnold regarding opening City owned property. Thought was Pilot Project was confrontational tactic. Suggested using "Greeley" model. Paul and Robert are going to find out what the "Greeley" model is. Kelly said there is merit to the City Council studying how to get it done. One thought was going to Planning Commission and set up task force. Shawn said Planning Commission isn't into trails.

Robert's plan was to have John Shaver give list of concerns, then get same from Planning Commission and City Council and work on it.

Kent asked what have been the concerns of canal companies. Bob said need to get a member on City Council that is for trails. Previous lawsuit is currently in appeals court

and should hear sometime in March. Talked about what was offered to make it work: Police patrol, liability coverage, etc.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Introduced David Thornton with the City of GJ Planning staff. David explained what Planning would like to see from UTC. Talked about amending UTC Master Plan and that it is best if comes forth from UTC. Part of map updated in 2005 with Pear Park.

Current policy of developments along canal banks – tract of banks to HOA with easement to City for trails. (20' easement, 15' easement for off trail). Would be helpful for Planning to get from UTC a list with opportunities for good linkage – room for trails other than concrete. Great if could have on map. Passed around City's standards. Would like if UTC identifies areas were minimum would have to be used because of physical constraints. Again, important linkages would be useful. Review comments: look at trail easements, canal bank tract easement, linkages and surfaces not necessarily concrete. Robert explained what UTC has been doing when reviewing. Question raised with more off street paths – how does UTC plan that make it happen?

David talked about examples (Pomona) of what UTC could do: Subcommittee with staff and identify landowners and meet with landowners to discuss the safety of getting kids to school – sense for community. Bob still questions who UTC is responsible to. No trails being built in the City or on drainages – only those being built on roads.

David said if more grass roots efforts with neighborhoods made – get them engage, then go to City Council to formalize. Easements would need to be taken care of, budget done, type of surface so could be put in CIP budget. City Council is very interested in putting money into neighborhoods.

Robert said that because of the geographical issues of members – they can't identify all those, perhaps City staff could give info and then UTC could start grass roots.

Bob still thinks need defined plan with what will look like, budgeted with City Council. City would draw up plans, do budget costs, bridges, etc.

David thinks that grass root efforts will be more successful than defined plan through City – mainly due to competing projects with City. Shawn said there are two competing projects: 1) Canal trails will need City Council, attorney's approval, 2) others through neighborhood dealing with private landowners.

Jody said for years had money in budget but didn't have anything to spend it on. Wanted to spend on Redlands Canal trail. She spent on Monument Road survey.

Robert asked if staff looks at trails within developed areas. David said they are looking at it for developing projects. Trying to stay ahead of development rather than impracticability of going back to developed projects. Robert then asked if UTC could get a list from staff so they can start working on priority list (visit sites to help prioritize). David thinks need to go through map and pick project to look at. Shawn said need a grading matrix that would help to determine practicability, do ability in the near future. Step, identify, and make sure get on updated map.

Robert asked if UTC members do look at Master plan and ask staff to consider. If doesn't work in implementing then need to formalize and get on map with prioritization.

Kent asked about linear feet of canal that City has. Not sure. He also asked about Easter Hill – wanted to know if any discussion had with landowners because currently being used. Great open space. UTC had asked for temporary easement and they said no. Didn't want to set precedent.

Robert stated that Redlands area along canals has so many landowners – very time consuming. Lydia thinks need institutional knowledge from City staff. Dave will attend March UTC meeting – move to March 7th because of spring break.

Thanked David for attending the meeting.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports – None were given.

Public Comment:

Shawn said three calls regarding single track easement over abandon canal. Calls regarding rules and regulations – City owns but no rules. Pretty much open rule. Suggestion made that this one should be adopted by COPMOBA.

He has also been working with Regional Master Plan. UTC Master Plan will be one layer in the GIS.

Jody said she gave Craig a print out of all signs City has up (420) and a map not totally pleased with.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.