

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
March 7, 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
Denise McGinnis

Bob Tallarico
Ken Lane

Paul Darr
Janet Hollingsworth

Also present were Jody Kliska, David Thornton, Alison Leifert and Michele Rohrbach.

Michele handed out an article from the Fruita Times regarding Fruita and canal banks. She had forwarded it onto Robert and Tim earlier. Robert stated he and Tim will be meeting with Clint in Fruita regarding their plans canal bank trails.

Approval of Minutes

Lydia/Paul. Motion passed.

Announcements

Social will be on Friday, April 21st. More info to follow.
Retreat will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Time and meeting place to be announced.
IGA meeting on March 9th at 7:00am at BLM office.
IGA float trip will be on Friday, June 2nd. Time and location to be announced.
Tim to attend RFC March 21st meeting.

Introduced Alison Leifert from Mesa County Steps and LiveWell.

Old Business

Dave passed out his and Jody's identified trail links. He covered each area identified on the 2001 UTC Master Plan map.

Robert said he'd like more criteria to have a successful pilot project. How much is private property, city/county owned.

Discussed that Thunder Mountain Elementary is a good one because development is about to happen.

Paul suggested breaking out into groups similar to how plan reviews are being done and going out to view areas.

Janet asked about 7th and Elm where HS is using for overflow parking.

Paul thinks need aerial photos of ½ mile to 1 mile segment with assessor code number and proposed trail to see if feasible.

Robert wants to know what Dave/Jody/Shawn thinks regarding safety.

Talked about criteria for grant money. Jody said getting kids to school safely – need partnership from neighborhoods, parents, schools and businesses.

Ken said that looking at map, “yellow dots” along canal banks makes map look good but without those, trail connections not good. Bob agrees with Ken but said it’s important to get off street trails. Janet said connections can get people to riverfront project.

Dave said he and Jody can produce 11”x17” with pros and cons of each segment. Group liked idea. Paul suggested having maps for April 11th meeting. Will then break into sub groups – then will set up tours and report back to group. Thanked both Jody and Dave for all their work.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Canal Banks - Robert said he’d like to take up Ken’s remark – Ken asked what outcome of meeting with City regarding canal pilot project. Robert updated that City Manager didn’t feel plan was good idea. He suggested using the “Greeley” model.

Discussed Fruita Times article about canal bank trails. Robert said meeting with Clint March 17th for lunch to further discuss what Fruita plans to do.

Robert said he kind of agrees with Kelly – think UTC brings up causes “red flag” to go up. Perhaps City Planning Commission needs to go before City Council to make request that UTC was going to present.

Paul talked about Garfield subdivision has a plat of a trail easement on canal bank.

Bob thinks need to ask council members their thoughts on trails and stand behind them. Need to find someone who is favorable for trails and get them elected.

LiveWell – Denise has submitted six month report. Paul is planning a walk and Denise has one scheduled. Need someone to put something together for bikers.

Alison added that LiveWell can help UTC with grassroots effort. Robert said he'd like to see a question about canal banks on their next survey. She said surveys with first challenge stated the participants want canal banks open. She wants UTC input on next survey. (Will try and get info to group before next meeting).

Public Comment:

Jody said opening bids on April 11th - 24 Road to asphalt plant. 29 Road will be done in July.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.