

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
June 12, 2007**

Called to Order

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

Tim Fry
Lydia Reynolds

Paul Darr
David Cooper

Denise McGinnis

Also present were Dave Soker and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made to approve the minutes by David/Denise. Motion passed.

Announcements – Tim to attend RFC meeting.

Old Business – Tim and Paul met with Mayor and City Attorney on how to move canal bank trails forward. Mayor wants to use trail behind Renaissance subdivision as a test trail. Mayor/Assistant City Administrator/Jody/Shawn/Robert Traylor all met to help everyone understand directive coming from Mayor not UTC.

Talked about how to make other trails happen. It is on the strategic plan. Mayor scheduled workshop meeting on June 18th. Will be doing Power Point presentation highlighting Audubon Trail and other communities that have canal trails.

City has concerns fir homeowners in Renaissance want trail since it will be recreational rather than utilitarian. Paul and Tim walked trail last night and Paul called out to everyone in yards – they want trail. City’s going to have to make it happen rather than UTC.

Discussed whether canal companies can or do have the right to say no regarding trails. Dave asked if can improve property values adjacent to canal trails.

Old Spanish Trail – Paul attended Riverview Technology meeting was approached by someone about trail down to river where crossed down from Unawweep. Paul would like to get committee together for UTC to take on. Paul thought perhaps when new members come on board one or more might be interested in being on committee. Dave Soker

suggested going for historical money. Paul asked why the name change of the Grand River to Colorado River.

There was no further old business.

New Business – There was no new business.

Committee Reports – No Thoroughfare Wash – Bill Taylor/Craig Parker/Dennis DeVore walked trail and looks like going over Corps property so will need to talk with them. Need two bridges.

Public Comment – Dave Soker would like to see more RFC members attend UTC meetings. He also wants to get more PR to get key support from public. He also talked about expanding UTC (brother/sister group) into Palisade. Group explained that they can't because they are under the City of Grand Junction but would be willing to talk with members if such a group was formed. Talked about drainage ditches and how companies are interested in trails and how it might benefit them.

Group reminded about Snooks Bottom re-opening on Saturday at 9:00am.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.