COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes February 12, 2008

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by board member, Denise McGinnis. Those present from the Committee were:

Denise McGinnis David Cooper Julie Sabin
Joe Moreng Bill Grant Steve Bliss

Tim Fry Mark Williams

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Bill Taylor, Dennis DeVore, Ken Scissors, numerous bike park supporters and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Denise/Julie.

Announcements – David to attend RFC meeting on February 19th. RFC touring retreat 4/5, social at Pinon Grill at 6:30pm. River cleanup/trail cleanup on 4/26.

Old Business – Tim talked about meeting with City and getting more support from City. Three issues of concern: 1) UTC Master Plan Revision; 2) Review Agency; 3) Effort to facilitate an off street trail within the City. Really need to know where the City stands on the three above issues. He talked about meeting with John Gormley and Bill Prakken and need for better support from City. Meeting set for March 20th to sit down with Laurie Kadrich, Joe Stevens, Shawn Cooper, Jody Kliska, Bill Prakken and John Gormley. Hope to get direction for the committee.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Ken Scissors talked to UTC members about his proposed development (Park Mesa off base of Little Park Road) which is 12 acres/6 lots – 4 acres of open space with 8 – 1 to 2 ¼ acre home sites. Trail through draw on property could potentially get to Tabeguache trail. Not sure if private or public access. He talked about road – he stated he didn't think prudent to widen road and put bike lane since the bike lane would go no where. Question was asked if City would require bike lanes – no, probably escrow payment and easement. Shawn asked if any engineering done on Little Park Road for bike lane. Ken said he'd talk to his engineer. Will have actual trail easement between two lots. Plans should be coming to UTC in the next month or two.

Bicycle Park – Bill Taylor talked about bicycle park and showed proposed master plan for the "Painted Bowl" area. Looking at pump park, skills course, BMX track, dual slalom, downhill/free ride, jump lines and drop lines. Proposed area because of natural terrain. Will help riders learn skills safely before riding on BLM trails. 130 parking spaces plus long vehicle/trail parking spaces. City property, City will maintain with help from group. Doesn't know what it would take to complete. Tim asked about flow through Mariposa and West Ridges Boulevard. Asked about use – 24 hours/7 days a week? Sees as a day use. Looking to hold competitions at site. Asked about dust. Hoping to get water to site to help keep dust down.

Shawn suggested getting letter from UTC and then going to Parks Board/City Council. Said to get COPMOBA and other riding groups behind before going to City.

Funding – will ask for cash contributions to use as match for GOCO trail grant.

No fees – open to anyone that would like use park. Special events would probably have fees to use park exclusively.

Denise moved to write letter to support Painted Bowl Bicycle Park. Joe second. Motion passed. Denise volunteered to write the letter.

Shawn asked if they group had any idea of the number of users. Expect about 20 to 30 on weekends. Thanked group for presentation.

Steve said at RFC meeting last month, Pat Kennedy talked about Robb Memorial Robb in September. Steve thinks a good thing for UTC to be involved in.

There was no further new business.

Community Outreach – Paul was to draft a paragraph for UTC members to contact other groups and invite to the April meeting to get their input.

Committee Reports – Shawn updated on trail at 25 ½ and F ½ Road. City owns north bank. GVIC has other side. Would still need a bridge (south of G) to get to west side to get to G. Bill G. volunteered to walk it and see if enough room under aqua-duck. Mark motioned to have a simple design to present to the City. Joe second. Motion passed.

LNTFW – Denise said nothing to report. Clark property has sold. City has met with new owner and informed them that part of their property line is on the RFF easement. Weren't happy but nothing they can do about it.

LiveWell – Met with them today and want to do a geocaching event that will be filmed and shown on Channel 12. Will also be doing scavenger hunt.

Public Comment – Asked if anyone attended Old Spanish Trail meeting on February 7th. Tim passed out plans. Shawn passed out thank you gifts from City

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.