

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes**  
**July 10, 2008**

**Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair, Tim Fry. Those present from the Committee were:

Tim Fry  
Bill Grant

Denise McGinnis  
Paul Darr

Joe Moreng  
Julie Sabin

Also present were Lisa Cox, Shawn Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Joe/Paul.

**Announcements** – Joe to attend RFC meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> out in Palisade. Public Safety Initiative will be presented at 8/12 UTC meeting.

**Old Business** – Applications for vacancies, discussed how to handle. Will need new co-chair.

5 Step Plan:

Need trail design. Shawn said he's hearing from above "What's UTC doing with canal trails?" Need to talk with City Council members to see about support. Other side is HOA group's support to show City Council that there is support. Need to meet with individual council members – tell them UTC has \$50,000 for project – what's next step? Paul stated he was still confused on steps. Ran through them again:

- 1) Plans
- 2) HOA's support
- 3) Meet with individual City Council Members
- 4) Meet with Canal Company
- 5) Go before City Council

Joe asked what kind of plan UTC should go with. Shawn wants to develop a master plan.

Next meeting:

- 1) Shawn to have plan and costs.
- 2) Tim to talk with Laurie about concept.
- 3) Need to talk with City Council members. One would be Jim Doody.

- 4) Paul to find out who represents 25 Road area. (He found out it is Linda Romer Todd).
- 5) Shawn suggested need to talk with John Shaver, City Attorney to see if anything still pending. Tim and Paul to set up a meeting with John.

Paul stated frustrated especially if City will/won't support.

There was no further old business.

**New Business** – Lisa Cox from City Planning talked about City/County/Palisade/Fruita working on comprehensive plan. There will be community meetings on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> where they will present survey results. Adopt plan by end of year. She encouraged members to attend open houses.

Did questions and answer period. Question asked if UTC Master Plan will be part of Comprehensive Plan – she couldn't answer directly – would depend on scenario/plan moved forward.

Plan Review – does UTC still want to look at plans or does UTC want City to continue without UTC having to look at plans? Tim said members liked being extra set of eyes and want to continue to review plans. Joe expressed lack of feedback. Lisa will work on getting info back to members.

Also discussed Memorandums received from City on projects previously reviewed with opportunity to further comment.

Tim said it would be helpful to have guidelines of how to respond to plans. Would like to have some standard language from City as to how to put into words for trail along washes, drainages and canals that would stand up in court. Lisa explained why no pat response because of the various degree of working relationships with canal companies, etc.

Lisa said planners do use map if no response received from UTC.

Paul talked about what came about from meeting with City and two ways for group to go. Joe talked about over kill of multiple trails in one area. Tim asked how UTC gets help needed to make things work.

Shawn said narrative is what's missing which would make easier in explaining purpose of UTC Master Plan.

Discussed how lines were placed on original UTC Master Plan Map and why leave on each updated revision of the map.

Tim suggested having Planning come every six months to talk to UTC group. Julie said she'd like to hear from staff what works, what doesn't. Discussed having to look at the larger picture and explain to developer why asking for it. Thanked Lisa for coming.

There was no further new business.

**Community Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.