

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
April 14, 2009

Called to Order

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

Paul Darr	Elizabeth Collins	Julie Sabin
Joe Moreng	Mark Williams	Steven Bliss

Also present were Shawn Cooper, Martin Stafford, Alison Leifert and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes stated February rather than March. Mark/Julie. Motion passed.

Announcements – There will be no RFC meeting this month.
Michele still needs volunteers for July 11th. (Paul and Martin volunteered).

Old Business – Paul told Steve the letter needs more editing. Need to remove 2001. Paul will scan copy and email changes to Steve. Julie said she had problems trying to email it.

Steve is concerned about file size because of logo. (Alison will forward jpeg of logo to Michele to forward onto Steve).

Review trail design – Mark and Joe had phone conference with Charlie and they were too busy but said to call again later (next week).

Awareness Plan – Elizabeth will be at Earth Day from 11:00am to 5:00pm at the Fair Grounds. (Michele to get her maps, etc. to hand out).

Shawn brought map creating loop he will be presenting to Laurie at meeting on April 24th. Michele reminded him of \$50,000 pledge to Moonridge canal trail from RFF.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Paul updated on RFC retreat and map used to show what's been done and what needs to be done. Discussed connecting downtown to riverfront trail from Pear Park. Talked about washes and drainages.

Shawn talked about Secretary of the Interior Salazar's initiative to use the Highline Canal.

Talked about the great canal trails in Phoenix.

Julie talked about Jim Nall, Mesa County Traffic Engineer and him attending a future UTC meeting. She discussed 38 Road re-build in Palisade and possible flashing light cyclist would push to activate for cars to know a cyclist is approaching.

She went on to talk about Dave Kemp, Bicycle Coordinator with the City of Ft. Collins and what has gotten done in two years.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – Alison with LiveWell talked about changes to program because of where funding is now coming from (LiveWell Colorado out of Denver). She said funds available for bigger projects rather than t-shirts, etc. Talked about Lower No Thoroughfare Wash needing funds. Shawn said \$80,000 in tamarisk removal but Tim Carlson with the Tamarisk Coalition told Shawn there was no money available. Michele will talk to John and RFF about the problem.

Talked about ongoing maintenance of tamarisk once it's removed. There is a possibility of a new body to oversee this project. There could be large sums of money available.

Joe suggested going back to RFF regarding pledged funds for Moonridge to see if they would extend. Michele suggested reviewing the letter from the RFF to verify the expiration date (June 19, 2009) and then go to the RFF to ask for an extension.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.