

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
May 12, 2009

Called to Order

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

Julie Sabin	Elizabeth Collins	Joe Moreng
Mark Williams	Steven Bliss	

Also present were Shawn Cooper, Martin Stafford, Jim Nall, Cynthia Priddy, Keelin Schaffrath, Ike Rokiecki and Michele Rohrbach.

Did introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes – Shawn stated that sentence in April minutes stating Secretary of Interior Salazar should have been the City. Joe/Steve. Motion passed.

Announcements – Julie to attend the June 16th RFC meeting.

Old Business – Mark talked about meeting with GVIC. Paul doesn't think issue will move forward. Mark thinks UTC can make it happen. Going to take lots of time.

Julie talked about setting up study groups – how to go about it. Joe said go talk to list of names Biz collected at Earth Day. Shawn suggested going for a rating/weighting system and then go to appropriate entity to give info.

Martin would like to see something about going to website or 3"x5" cards.

Julie asked if anyone interested in being on subcommittee. Will schedule meeting for June 2 at 5:30pm (Michele will see if Training Room A is available).

Julie asked Shawn about \$100,000 for Tamarisk removal. Looking at November completion.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Jim Nall talked to group about what's going on at County Traffic. Former CDOT employee and starting traffic program. In charge of vehicle and bicycle safety. Noted its property owner's responsibility to keep debris out of road. Eight fatalities last year. Mesa County counts for 25%. 50% of fatalities are DUI, 90% at night, 85% with truck, no seat belt, off road flip. One of the highest county's that doesn't use seat belts. Need to do shift in

thinking. 2035 Mesa County will double in population to ¼ million. Worst area – 6 & 50 around Mall during noon hour.

Discussed the need to think smart growth when planning. Different modes of transportation, mass transit. Need to use more European models. Employee basis – bike to work, more productive and take less sick days. Safe Routes to School – get kids to walk, ride to school. Detached paths are too much maintenance. Public has to have plan and vision to get changes.

Jim took questions from the members and guests. He suggested group needs to come up with vision – North/South and East/West. UTC needs to expand out past Palisade and past Fruita. County Commissioners want to acquire land for trail completion within next four years.

Shawn talked about complete streets, lanes, shoulders, bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.

Joe talked about issues and difficulties with streets here in GJ. Need to determine corridors. Identify “pinch points” from bicyclists. Village centers – how to cross intersections safely.

Jim talked about “pinch point” on 38 Road. He talked about push buttons at top and bottom of the hill. Push button to activate flashing lights warning cars that biker(s) on the road. Options for bike for amount of time for lights to flash. Will change driver behavior.

County policy (per elected officials) not to sweep roads.

Julie asked if can come back to Jim with list. He stated need a plan. Discussed all kinds of funding from CDOT for trails, bicycles, etc. Plan would need to go through MPO to go for funding.

Julie thanked Jim for coming.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.