COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION 683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes October 13, 2009

Called to Order

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

Julie SabinElizabeth CollinsJocelyn MullenKeith DickersonDoug ConantJoe MorengMark WilliamsJennifer Moore

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Teri Dunn and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Joe/Keith. Motion passed.

Announcements – need volunteer for the 10/20 RFC meeting. Mark will attend.

Old Business – Mark talked about attending GVIC's last Board meeting. He showed them Moon Ridge Project. Told them they'd have a bridge and that GVIC could help with the rules and view as a test project. They set down and talked about horseback riding in Mack and ATVs in Loma. They aren't interested in letting their guard down – so project is a BIG NO.

Highline Canal – Michele passed along Deb Kovalik's (with the VCB) update. Shawn talked about plans to work with Federal Government to allow use of a trail on canal.

Joe talked about County Planning and discussion of unwilling landowners with canal on property.

Mark stressed importance of UTC's comments on plan reviews.

GVRTC meeting – Julie talked about email forwarded from GVRTC. Jody said consultant probably chosen in January. Joe talked about Denver's light rail, he thinks it's great.

LNTFW – Shawn said it's ready to move forward. Agreement reached with owners causing problem. Contractor thinks can have done by end of year.

Jocelyn asked about section of bike path by City's shops that is eroding into river. Shawn has call into Corps of Engineers – doing research on how to fix.

RFC – Fruita still working on Master Plan. Old Fruita Bridge pier work in December. Robb River Rally was somewhat disappointing. Great turn out by booth participants, just low turnout by public. Looking at making more changes next year. Been contacted by LiveWell to help with mileage markers on trails. Apparently something being considered by Parks Board.

Jocelyn asked about the signage, could UTC help. Discussed what has been done in past and the problems that are associated with what appears to be a simple project but really isn't.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Training session (Alliance for Biking & Walking) – Biz updated on training and how to move grassroots efforts. Group has changed the name to Grand Valley Bikes. Working on fundraising. Have blog.

Craig Robillard would like to do PowerPoint presentation in January or February of his trip to UC Davis.

Keith asked about "walking buses". Discussed Safe Routes to Schools and funding. (Coloradoan.com). Also talked about Bicycle Rodeo and safety classes. Everyone will bring back info on other places safety projects.

Jennifer talked about article of dad giving his kids incentive to walk or ride bike to school. Other kids wanted to participate. Program has become wildly popular. She also talked about community bike rides. Last Thursday of month at 6:00pm starts at Community Garden.

Jocelyn talked about her trip to Paris and their bicycle program.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.