

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
March 9, 2010

Called to Order

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

Paul Darr	Jennifer Moore	Joe Moreng	Doug Conant
Keith Dickerson	Elizabeth Collins	Mark Williams	

Also present were Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Keith/Joe. Motion passed.

Announcements – Biz to attend RFC meeting on 3/16. Biz unable to attend so Michele will give update.

Old Business – Grand Valley Bikes – Biz said group is officially called Grand Valley Bikes. Fundraiser on Saturday, April 2nd at KAFM and will have a band. Will be at the MOGO event and will have a booth at Earth Day which will be at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Close to being non-profit and Jocelyn is working on narrative. Asked if group has a website, Biz said yes but nothing is posted on it yet, better to go to gjcyclists@blog.com for info. Currently have three board members. Eventually will have dues not yet there. Members have donated funds to help things move along. Data collected last summer is being tallied and hope to have available at the three events in April. Mark asked Jody if she could help Biz with finding the information for the narrative for the IRS.

GVRTC – Jody said group is meeting tomorrow at 3:00pm. Kicking off the Regional Transportation Plan currently has a survey on the website at www.2035rtp.com. Open houses March 22nd in Fruita, March 23rd at the old County Courthouse, March 24th at Palisade. Keith said he had completed the survey.

LNTF – Still waiting for weather to improve.

RFC – Michele said she couldn't think of anything really to report from RFC. Updated on IGA meeting - GJPD was there and talked about safety/emergency concerns on the trail. Greg Linza talked about the GIS signage done several years ago for the 911 grid. Most of the signs are now gone. GJPD would like to see signs returned. She then talked about Bill Taylor requesting a letter of support for the County's CDOT Enhancement Funds grant application for the trail connection to C ½ Road south side. Julie would like UTC to think about working on a trail connection rather than just to the road.

Paul asked about the concert series; Michele stated working on it but doesn't have anything to share with the group yet.

Reminded everyone about the RFC touring retreat on Saturday, May 1st and the social later in the evening at the Mesa State Garden quad area.

Jennifer updated on letter to City Market. She and Joe met with the manger about how to improve the situation. Jennifer thinks he would prefer Brown's install new racks and then Chris could advertise on the racks. She was there today but nothing has been done yet. Joe will call him to follow up.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Corridors: Joe suggested a bike route parallel to I -70 business loop between North Avenue and East Main St. Joe has reviewed the City GIS map and it looks like the City owns all the right-of-way on the north side with the exception for the utility company. The frontage road would be used where it exists and possibly a narrow bike path could be constructed where the frontage road does not exist. Jody checked with Ken Simms and he said that this route was on the revised UTC Master Plan of 2007. Not sure when it was taken off the plan (Jody thinks it was per Ken Scissors' suggestion as too dangerous). Jody thinks should go for missing links first. Jody said could go for Enhancement Funds (wondered if same money Bill Taylor applying for C ½ Road project). Keith asked who would use this connection; Joe said it would tie into Mark's suggestion of E/W corridor of Patterson. Mark moved that Jody/City apply for Enhancement Funds to move forward with project, UTC to provide letter of support. Joe seconded. He will draft letter of support.

Julie had asked if could possibly table discussion until next meeting because she has some thoughts too. She would like to see everyone work on they preferred corridor.

Priorities – no one could remember what priorities were to be discussed. Tabled until next meeting.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – Jody passed around posters for Colorado Bike Month. Will be advertising for 29 Road Bridge. Hopes to start construction in July.

Jennifer talked about the Blue Heron monitoring project. She said there was no signage regarding the danger of the trail falling into the river. Committee working to monitor the river to see how much the river is eroding the river bank. Michele told everyone that the RFF has agreed to give the City \$40,000 to repair this section of trail.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.