

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
April 13, 2010

Called to Order

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

Paul Darr	Julie Sabin	Joe Moreng	Doug Conant
Keith Dickerson	Elizabeth Collins	Jocelyn Miller	Mark Williams

Also present were Jody Kliska, Bill Taylor, Matt Jennings, Jeffrey Fleming, Trent Prall and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Jocelyn/Keith. Motion passed.

Announcements – Doug to attend RFC meeting on 4/20.

RFC retreat and social on May 1st. Michele gave a brief idea of what areas the tour would be stopping to view. Social will be at Mesa State College, catered by Pinon Grill.

Outdoor Heritage Days – Michele updated on what this was and to see if UTC and GVB would like to participate. Both groups passed at this time.

Old Business – Community Corridors – Julie explained what the thought on this was. Group decided to talk to Trent to see what the City has and the UTC can prioritize. Jocelyn will ask Jody.

Grand Valley Bikes – Biz had handouts for upcoming event. Booth at MOG was fairly well attended; believe Earth Day will probably be better attended.

Jody said preliminary design on Blue Heron Trail has been surveyed and still waiting on when construction will start.

Jody said Trent did receive Joe's letter but City decided to support County's grant request.

GVRTC – Julie talked about GVRTC ride just for bikes on 4/25 and then the community input will be on 4/26.

LNTF – Should be completed by the end of the month. Bad news - the new D Road bridge may close the area until August.

RFC – Michele announced the CRCS 2010 schedule – June 10th – Fabulous Thunderbirds, June 12 – LeRoy Thomas and July 28th – Carrie Rodriguez.

Michele updated from Jennifer's email regarding the bike rack at City Market. Jennifer spoke to the Store Manager and a new rack has been ordered and it's perpendicular to the original rack and will hold up to 8 bikes. Should be here soon. Julie has the workbook and would be happy to loan out to UTC members.

Mark asked what UTC can do to implement the UTC Master Plan. Bill said to keep doing what they're doing. Issue is always money. County is currently working on spending money on completing the riverfront trail – Corn Lake to 33 Road and from 24 Road to Fruita.

Jocelyn asked Bill if he could talk to GVB. Bill said he couldn't talk on behalf of the County – Trent suggested contacting Pete Baier. Thanked Bill for coming.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Bill Taylor did presentation on engineering meeting he had with CDOT regarding bicycle facility design. Bill said he was very informative and helpful of where engineers are coming from when designing and building bicycle trails and targeted users. He walked through the PowerPoint handout for the group to follow.

Jeff Fleming talked about the John Otto Award and what it is and how it will apply to trails. Recognized John Otto for building trails and to get more trails built in the valley. He's looking for interest persons to help further idea and project. Has support from Monument, BLM, Partners and Forest Service. Group asked Jeff to keep them informed via emails to Michele.

Trent talked about North Avenue to Main Street. Stated that the frontage may not be the best as well as the money issue. Discussed widening the south side as a commuter route but problems with the traffic. Issues with the needed 3300 feet and funding. 2010 have zero funds for road maintenance. He suggested UTC doing a priority for the corridors. Talked about using New Jersey barriers or negotiating with the railroad to get more land to move the trail further away from the road.

He updated that Laurie still hasn't had much success with meeting with the canal companies. Comments from Canal Companies was that when City starts using all their available land and easements for trails then maybe then the Canal Companies would talk with the City.

He talked about engineering design to help cut the speed and what has been working on various streets. Thanked Trent for coming.

Joe's term is expiring and will not be reupping.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.