

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
July 13, 2010**

Called to Order

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

Julie Sabin	Paul Darr	Doug Conant	Jennifer Moore
Keith Dickerson	Jocelyn Mullen	Mark Williams	

Also present was Ken Simms, Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Keith/Julie. Motion passed.

Announcements - Jennifer to attend RFC meeting on 7/20 at 5:30pm.

RFC still needs volunteers for July 28th and July 31st

No meeting space in Courthouse for the August meeting – Paul offered cocktails at his house or no meeting in August. Group decided on no meeting in August. Group will meet again in September.

Old Business – GVRTC – more or less given by Ken.

Community Corridors – Paul received none. Jennifer said she found a new route from downtown to the Airport. Much safer than the route she use to ride.

Signage – Julie hopes we keep following this project.

Grand Valley Bikes – Great article in the Sunday paper. Have lost a little momentum because everyone is so busy. Looking to get board members. Currently looking at a July meeting doesn't want to meet for the sake of a meeting if they don't have agenda worthy items. Reviewing 503 (c) paperwork.

Bike to Work Day – Jennifer said it was a huge success. Had over 100+ people and they ran out of bagels and donuts. CDOT joined forces with the City and County and UTC. Will plan to have surveys next year.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Ken Simms did power point presentation on Riverfront Trail Alternatives. He talked about the County Commissioners wanting to get trail connections from Palisade to the Loma Boat Launch. Ken and Greg Linza have been working on connections in the Clifton area that might not necessarily be along the river. The other area of interest is the riverfront trail and

the Redlands area. The Palisade area – one along the river was going to cost over \$2+ million not including land acquisition and easements. If a trail is put on along the Grand Valley Canal would cost about \$1,327+ million. Of course will have problems with the canal company. The third option would be on the south side of Highway 6 – no one was in favor of this option. The four options were using all the county roads adding 4' shoulders. Last option is the same as the Tour of the Valley. Alternative B kept coming out the highest no matter how it was weighted. Ultimately the goal is to follow the river. The Commissioners chose Alternative E without paving the 4' shoulders and no bridge in Tilman Bishop Wildlife Area. Will improve the hill on 38 Road. Jocelyn said as a biker her first thought is not to like it but she could if the County would give the biking community some concession such as signing and striping. Ken said the Commissioner would prefer to keep the monies to build the prefer trail along the river. Can't stripe because there isn't enough road to stripe. Concern with signing it that demand would increase and then people would want the shoulders paved. Mark suggested going on the record commending the Commissioners for the continued work on the riverfront trail but would like to ask for signing on the Fruit Loop for the sake of safety. Julie would like to see a ShareArrow rather than just a sign on the road. Group liked the idea. Jocelyn will take a stab at writing the letter.

From the Redlands west, Greg will take the alternatives to all the entities to see what they would agree/not agree to for trails.

Jody asked about trail from Redlands Parkway to Fruita. He stated that Fruita has closed on the Compton property in Fruita that will connect to Little Salt Wash.

He also gave a brief update on the 2035 plan.

Canal Road – Jennifer explained how she got a phone call from the Free Press about the canal issues. Julie and Paul talked with her.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – Question asked about what happens when the concert funding goes away. Michele explained some of the ideas and suggestions being thrown around.

Mark talked about the meeting with school district to organize a bike to school day to coincide with walk to school day. Designated bike to school week in March (week before spring break). UTC is in support continuing to move forward.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.