

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
November 9, 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	Doug Conant	Craig Richardson
Keith Dickerson	Jocelyn Mullen	Jennifer Moore
Paul Darr		

Also present was Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Julie apologized for the minutes last month – she forgot she was going to take them while Michele was on vacation and didn't remember until mid-way through the meeting. It was noted that Jennifer was at the October meeting but not listed in the minutes. Keith/Doug. Motion Passed.

Announcements - Julie to attend RFC meeting on 11/16 at 5:30pm.
IGA meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00am at BLM office.

Old Business –

GVRTC – Julie reviewed the list of 32. She explained how the process worked and weights each connector. Julie said the riverfront trail kept coming up as the highest priorities.

Riverfront trail (Palisade to Fruita), Little Salt Wash in Fruita. Lewis Wash off road trail (31 Road, F ½ to riverfront trail); Overpass of I-70 (Central High down to the railroad tracks); Collbran; 18 Road to K and 4/10 Road; Leech Creek off street; off street and bridge (Blacks Bridge); bike lanes on Orchard Avenue; Fruita bridge (Old Fruita Bridge). Keith said it's encouraging but Jocelyn is concerned that there is nothing much for commuting in the downtown area. Julie said the paper was incorrect in stating that the new 29 Road overpass would not have bike lanes because it will. Julie said she'd be happy to spend more time if anyone is interested. Group thanked Julie for attending the meetings.

Community Corridors – Paul emailed out comments from the last meeting. Keith said he remembered where he saw the flexible barriers (out by the mall where all the construction is happening).

Paul talked about the reason for doing the list and who it was going to go to City, County, CDOT. Jody said that CDOT wants a list of intersection needing work, Jody will submit Hwy 340. Jocelyn asked about 1st and Grand and Jody said that is on CDOT's five year plan.

Paul suggested submitting a more focused list to each entity but Jody said to send the entire to the Regional Transportation office. Paul will put something together and email it out to everyone.

Grand Valley Bikes – Jocelyn said have submitted the 503 (c) paperwork and should be hearing soon. In the process of recruiting board members.

Walk to school days – received a thank you note from School District 51.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Michele passed around new UTC Board directory.

Paul asked if everyone has been getting the emails Michele has been sending out from BLM and Ken Simms office. Group said yes.

Drainage maps – Group reviewed the drainage ditch maps. Keith talked about dreaming about riding Leach Creek down 24th Road to new City Market. Julie said that Trent has it on the 2035 plan and it's on the top 10. Lewis Wash is off 31 Road (goes from 31, F ½ Road to the riverfront trail). Paul asked if UTC is going down a path someone else is going down and perhaps a little premature. Jody said it appears to be mirroring with the 2035 group is doing. Keith asked if it would add credibility if UTC did a letter of support. Julie said group should continue to look for connectors. Funding is still an issue. Paul asked if group should set up subcommittee to move issue forward. Discussed what the group should do. Jody said that Ken Simms talked about editing the UTC Master Plan which was last revised in 2004 (adopted by the City but not the County. County didn't like that canal banks were listed on it). Cochran (?) would bring people from Canyon View to Leach Creek. Jody said if there isn't something on the list of 32 that UTC wants on it; need to get it on the list. Craig volunteered to run out copies of the map for the next meeting. (Julie won't be at the December meeting). Paul suggested tabling the discussion of drainage map until next meeting.

Jennifer said she was in Chris Browns shop the other day and he had an attorney that is experienced in canal trail and land acquisition. Group would be interested in hearing him as a speaker.

Someone asked if canal trails were part of the 2035 plan. Jody said the canal companies were invited to attend and they said that when the City uses their own land first then they might be more willing to work with the City in the future.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment –

There was no public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.