

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes**  
**March 8, 2011**

**Called to Order**

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

Julie Sabin	Jocelyn Mullen	Jennifer Moore
Keith Dickerson	Paul Darr	Craig Roberts
Doug Conant	Biz Collins	

Also present were Ken Simms, Jody Kliska, guests from GVB and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Jocelyn/Julie. Motion Passed.

**Announcements** – Paul Darr to attend RFC meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – looking for additional members, next meeting on Tuesday, 3/15 at 4:15pm  
Retreat and social on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Retreat will be at new Fruita Community Recreation Center and social will be at Bookcliff County Club.

Outdoor Heritage Days – Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend Park in Palisade. Need volunteers.

IGA float trip – Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watson Island to State Park in Fruita. Group suggested going from Corn Lake to State Park in Fruita. (Jocelyn volunteered her raft).

**Old Business** –

Trail signage – Jocelyn showed a map of the entire riverfront trail (from Palisade to Fruita). Mileage going west to east. Zero miles starting in Fruita or Junior Service League. Medallions or little plaques that could be changed as trail is completed. Distance to all major points on the map. Locations for minor points. The three members will go out and ride their respective sections of trail. Jocelyn asked what the next step should be – go to partners with a preliminary design.

GVRTC – Julie said that Ken more or less gave the update.

Grand Valley Bikes – First board meeting tomorrow night at MLT office at 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The Worse Day of the Year was very well received and GVB made over \$200.

IGA – Bennett talked about the trail host program. Have digitized Blue Heron trail for GIS. Education Alliance and Chevron had funds available for schools to get kids outdoors for educational programs; so far 1,000+ kids have participated in the program. Palisade/Delores trail. MLT has put more land into conservation easement out towards Whitewater. RFC's

updated website. Discussed the Monument's working through the Quizno's Bicycle Race and the process. Had available info regarding the Monument becoming a National Park.

Julie talked about what she learned at the Bicycle Summit she attended last month.

There was no further old business.

**New Business** – Ken talked about the history of the UTC Master Plan and the multi-modal plan from the late 90's. Currently the County and City are working off of two different maps. The 2001 version the City is using is more comprehensive than the 1997 map being used by the County. Ken would like to get a committee working on revising and updating the UTC Master Plans. He talked about the area the group should be looking at and who should be looking at making revisions. Jocelyn asked about the land/easement surrounding the canal banks. Jody and Michele gave history of UTC talking to landowners to get permission to have a trail on their canal bank property but the Canal Companies went out and purchased some easements from landowners to block the trail.

Jocelyn asked if the group could get a copy of the file of the map that Ken brought so they could work on the map off the computer. Ken said that could bring in a county laptop with the GIS map on it. He suggested having Dave Thornton, planner for Palisade and City of Grand Junction and the planner from Fruita.

Jocelyn also asked if could get a copy of the 521 Drainage District as a layer too. Ken didn't think it would be a problem. Ken said he doesn't really have a timeline but asked the group how long they thought it would take.

Paul asked why not just merge the two maps together. Discussed that there may be some issues that would need to be looked at to make sure things still make sense.

Ken said that comments are due on the 2035 Plan by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Talked about funding of items on the priority list in the 2035 Plan.

Julie asked if group wants to have a work session, next month, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Would like Ken to attend. Michele to send Ken an email.

**Public Comment** – Jody had Colorado Bike Month posters available for members to hang up at their office and around town. Jennifer asked if Bike to Work Day has been chosen – yes, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. She wanted to know if the City was going to do anything this year. Jody wasn't sure.

Keith talked about his email and how it could help both UTC and RFC by gathering numbers. The next survey will be done round the holiday time. If anyone has questions they'd like to see on the survey, get them to Keith. Paul asked if there was a deadline for members to get questions.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.