

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
March 10, 1998**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:30pm by Co-Chairman, Bob Cron. Those present from the Committee were:

Bob Cron	Pat Kennedy
Paul Teal	Gerry Tucker
Jamie Lummis	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Doug Cline, Shawn Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Cron entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Pat Kennedy. Motion passed.

Jamie asked that the spelling of his last name be corrected, it is **Lummis**.

Cindy Burke will be late, Lenna Watson is out of town and Bob Ferrante is very busy with the bank changing names.

Jody Kliska forgot to bring the accident report. She will get a copy to Michele so she can include in next mailing.

Announcements

Bill Findlay is going to start attending the Urban Trail Committee meetings for the Riverfront Commission. He will eventually be a member of the Urban Trails Committee.

Bob Cron thanked Doug Cline for the work out at the Tabeguache Lunch Loop trailhead. It looks great.

Doug stated that it was smoothed out, building up the base. Pat Kennedy asked if it was going to be striped. Doug said he hadn't thought about it, but that it could be done. Will have to see the time frame on the project.

The State Trails Symposium is about 99% sure of coming to Grand Junction next fall. It will be in October (15th - 17th). It is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Has no idea what the agenda will be. Michele will be the coordinator for the coalition putting it on. Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita and the Riverfront Commission will be taking part in it, Urban Trails may part take too, if committee decides to do so.

Old Business

Mesa County 30 Road Project update - Paul Teal and Bob Cron attended a meeting on February 26th with MK Centennial, the contractor of Mesa County. Bob discussed with a gentleman from Mesa County on the prospects of getting the road striped. Paul was able to talk with Pete Baier and a meeting has been scheduled for March 12th at 10am. Carl White will be there, he's from Traffic Control. Will lay at the plan of the top 18 projects and what they can do for UT and what UTC can do for them. Paul hopes that Pat will be able to attend with him.

Colinas del Valle update - Pat Kennedy reminded everyone about the last meeting and Trent stated things were starting to happen in that area. Friday of that week, a group of people came to Pat's restaurant, included in the group was professional golfer and golf course designer, Hale Irwin. This indicated that this group is serious. Temple Rock is the group designing the golf course development. There is a gentleman who has the bucks to do this project. His daughter and son-in-law will be spearheading the project. The following week Pat met with Tim Woodmansee with the City of Grand Junction, Craig Roberts, Ciavonne & Associates and Doug Thesis, Thompson Langford. They looked at the aerial photographs of Colinas del Valle, looked at where the trails are, group came to consensus that the trails are good and it's something they would like to try to respect. Again, UTC doesn't want to inhibit the development but do want to keep the trail loops. Craig and Doug transferred onto their maps what UTC identified as critical loops and looked where the golf course may be going and where the trails are, some of the trails may have to go someplace else but for the most part, the outside loops will be in an area they can keep. At that stage, it looked like everyone was on the same page, the group buying into Temple Rock see trails as an amenity to their developments.

There are three other groups, Genie, Incorporated; Dynamite Investments and Dave Fletcher. There is other activity going on in this area. It will be expensive.

Pat Kennedy asked Jody Kliska if she'd heard anything, she said no.

Bob Cron stated he has an appointment with Dave Fletcher on Thursday afternoon. He will find out more details about what Dave's plans are. Do know that he is planning three phases, Monument Valley Six, Seven and Eight development. Fairly large lots.

Doesn't know if this pertains to Fletcher's project or not, sewer pipe is being put down along South Camp on the north side, looks like it will connect up with the sewer line that is down there.

Let the record reflect on old business that Lenna Watson was going to find a printer for the County Trail Map. Bob was going to find out if she had done that or not. Need to check with her at next meeting.

New Business

Do we want to sponsor an event(s) for trails month in June, 1998? - Jamie Lummis spoke about the meeting he attended with Riverfront Commission, BLM, and Mesa County that are planning activities for Trails Day June 6th. On Saturday 6th group will be honoring the trail host volunteers with a flow trip down the Gunnison and a lunch. On Friday, June 5th will be **Ride Your Bike, Walk, Blade to Work Day**. Letters will be sent to area businesses to encourage their employees to participate. There will be two or three stations on the trails for bagels and coffee for people using the trails before 7am to 8:30am. Jamie felt this activity would be a good to lend UTC support and resources since it highlights what Urban Trails is about. Jamie will attend the next committee meeting to further see what the City is doing in regard to this activity.

Jamie thought it would be interesting to highlight a trail a day in the newspaper the week before the event so people can see how to get downtown via the trails. Bob Cron suggested Jamie contact David Nunn with the paper or Paul Lloyd Davies, Pat Clearly or Lorina Main Davis.

Suggested to walk it across the valley so people are aware that there are trails from one end of the valley to the other.

Bob Cron suggested highlighting the Audobon Trail, Lunch Loop, the Trail in Palisade and the latest piece of the Riverfront Trail, 3rd Street or 10th. Shawn suggested capitalizing on showing major routes from areas of the city. (Like how to get from Orchard Mesa to downtown).

Jamie said it would be good to get the media out and involved in this day.

Other New Business - Bob Cron has revived his interest in Horizon Drive recently. He went out there a year or so ago and looked at the possibility of connecting from G Road behind the businesses up to the Hilton. Horizon Drive now has a **Business Association** started and Bob has contacted Karen Berryman, she is very enthusiastic. The association is still being put together and Bob will talk to the group once it's going. Bob has also asked Mark Relph to attend when the meeting takes place. Trail is going to be built on the north side of Horizon from 7th to G this summer. Jody stated it was 12th to G. ISTEAM money available for some segment of trail there. Mark wants to visit with group regarding the round abouts.

Pat Kennedy asked if the round about is going to happen. Jody said she thinks so, Mark is planning to go to Council next Monday night at their workshop and talk about it.

Jamie Lummis brought up his only concern as a committee was how do you cross the roundabouts. Jody said you cross before you get to the round about.

When Karen lets Bob know, he and Mark will go and meet with the association.

Committee Reports

Recreational use of canal banks

Comments on White Paper? - Bob asked if everyone got a copy of the white paper he drafted. He asked if there were any comments, most members had not read it in depth and said they would in next week or so.

Pat Kennedy said he found it had what he wanted. Condensed the feasibility study into two pages. It shows UTC is being aggressive in what it's trying to do, not going to be condemning property, are paying attention to landowner and property owner rights. Bullets all the major concerns that UTC could identify. Would like to start using it soon. Pat said he talked to Janet Terry regarding white paper and Gerry's letter, she is anxiously awaiting UTC's decision. Shawn Cooper asked if he could have a copy to share with Joe Stevens. Bob stressed he doesn't want it out there in the public.

Bob asked Pat if anything was happening with the ad hoc committee. Pat stated that RFP (Request For Proposal) being drafted right now to contact with the survey company to actually do the marketing research on this issue. Greg Hoskin was changing some verbiage in the actual RFP to his liking. It then will be submitted for consulting firm to do work. Pat hopes for something to happen this month. There still has not been a committee meeting since Pat became a member (first of the year).

Comments on Gerry Tucker's proposed letter - Bob realized that it hadn't gone to all the committee members. Bob had a few changes and Jamie had a few comments. Special mailing will be done once it was redrafted.

Operating Plan - Bob agreed to draft an operating plan and he forgot to do it. He will try and have done for April meeting.

Subdivision Trails - Shawn Cooper stated that nothing really going on. City was granted an easement, new retirement center going in on the north end of 15th Street. Easement is for southern part of property. It will make the tie from Matchett property on west.

Bob asked if the Matchett Master Plan is going to happen this summer. Shawn said he hopes it's this summer or fall. Money is budgeted for it.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Gerry Tucker attended meeting and said not much happened. The street plan went to the city and the city will have more discussion on it.

Community Awareness - Bob Cron mentioned that the City of Grand Junction Newsletter had a article on the three year anniversary. Jamie Lummis stated a meeting was held on how to identify things they wanted to do to accomplish the different steps in the final Community Awareness Plan. They have several ideas, want to meet with Danny Herzog to get something in the paper in March to talk about the anniversary. CGJ newsletter goes out to 23,000 households and business. Support National Trails Day. Recognize a supporter of the committee through a letter or something like that once a month. Want to get on the docket and speak at the service clubs using the white paper and maps.

Jody suggested contacting the Home Builders Association.

Bob asked about the logo. Gerry received only one submission, this was from District 51. It was passed around for members to review. Gerry will call the school back to see if there are any more submissions.

Urban Trails Priority List - Paul Teal has already talked about the meeting with County. Michele is working with Kristin Winn regarding the street striping. Jamie is working on a couple of paragraphs to tie in with the list of street striping and the anniversary.

Public Comment

Doug Cline stated that more lights were broken over the weekend on the OM Bridge. Five lights in the last two weeks. Guards have been made but waiting for the vandal proof bolts before they can install the covers. Still waiting for replacement fixtures. Doug spoke with Lenna Watson's contact person at UTEC, he came out with students and they walked the bridge and showed them what he wanted on lower fixtures and overheads as well as some lights down in the Crawford Walkway Tunnel. Lights are constantly being broken in there too. The students are going to look at making guards for those lights. UTEC didn't have enough hours per week to do the guards for the bridge but will work on the ones needed for tunnel and for the bridge overhead. This has turned into a project for the students.

Jamie suggested that Kristin Winn be contacted so she can do an article on it.

Meeting next week at Orchard Mesa Middle School, Monday, March 16th @ 3:30pm to address the vandalism problem. Doug Cline, Paul Nelson, Bill Prakken, Chief Konzak, Carl Zimmerman, Greg Linza, Joe Stevens and Principal Okey.

Doug also stated he wasn't at the IGA meeting last week and Carlos with the BLM stated he needed \$9,000 worth of gravel - not any more. Doug said the material using for Taberguache, he has a fairly sizable amount of that and he will be willing to donate that to the project. Doug had a meeting this morning at the site with Carlos of the BLM and

Greg Linza with Mesa County. The county will spend about \$1,500 to \$1,600 for a contractor to blade and shape the parking area. The BLM is going to bring someone in to reconstruct the road in from the pad, then Doug's group will bring in the material to resurface it. Bob Cron asked if they were going to work on how you get the boats in. Doug said Carlos was going to let it go, but Doug suggested that they shape it to make it easier to get down to the water.

Bob Cron stated that this is the site where the dedication for National Trails Day will take place. Doug said it's a goal to have ready by June.

Doug had one last thing, the G Road pedestrian bridge was bid today. He hasn't had an opportunity to review it yet.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.