

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
July 14, 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	Bill Findlay
Jamie Lummis	Gerry Tucker
Paul Teal	Birgit Bostelman
Lenna Watson	John Paxson

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

Approval of Minutes

Gerry Tucker motioned to approve the minutes. Jamie Lummis second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Bob Cron introduced the two new members, John Paxson and Birgit Bostelman to the group. John will be filling the three year term vacated by Pat Kennedy and Birgit will be filling the remainder of Cindy Burke's term. Her term will be for one year and she can re-up at that time.

There is a traffic calming meeting in Fruita tomorrow night. Bob will not be able to attend. Michele informed Bob she was planning on being there as a citizen living in Fruita.

Old Business

Lenna had Michele passed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Road Show information packet onto Dusty Dunbar with the Riverfront. Dusty thinks it might be something for the Trail Symposium. Lenna did not feel it was something that would be viable for the UTC, however, the Safety Committee has volunteered to help Dusty with it at the Trail Symposium in October.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Jamie asked to add a discussion about a picnic honoring the outgoing co-chairs and to highlight what the committee has done in its first three years. Would like to invite all Urban Trail members, the Riverfront Commission members and all others that have been instrumental in helping the UTC with their efforts over the past three years. Group agreed it was a good idea. Wednesday, September 23rd was chosen and it will be held at Hawthorne Park at 6pm. Shawn Cooper will reserve the park.

The picnic committee will be Lenna Watson, Birgit Bostelman, Paul Teal and Michele Rohrbach. The event will be a pot luck for side dishes. Paul said he would be able to get some pop and chips.

Bob then asked John if he remembered his suggestion from their interview lunch. John said it was sponsoring organized walks and events along trails to get people familiar with various sections of the trails. Bill Findlay agreed to work with John on getting something going. Shawn agreed to help with getting maps to John/Bill. It was also suggested that John/Bill contact the Daily Sentinel regarding ads.

Paul Teal mentioned the Childrens' Rehab Challenge is coming up (used to be the Rehab run at Lincoln Park) and was wondering if UTC would like to set up a booth with information on UTC trails. Jamie suggested contacting the organizers and bring the information to the August meeting.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Recreational use of canal banks - Jody Kliska said she saw the RFP in Sunday's paper, the deadline is next week. Bob will contact Pat before next meeting since Pat will no longer be attending UTC meetings.

Subdivision Trails

Monument Valley # 6 - Jamie informed the group of what happened at the Planning Commission meeting. He spoke on behalf of the UTC with priorities being South Camp Road widened to 44 feet and off street pedestrian path. Outcome: the street will be widen to 36 feet, developer will add off street pathway now instead of waiting until developing filing #7. There was some adjustments to lots to include single track trail behind the lots to the abandoned ditch bank and to the existing single track trail. There will be no internal pathway along the road within the subdivision.

Bob said Paul did a great job of presenting the same thing to the County Commissioners. Bob then diagrammed what will be done.

Both Bob and Jamie expressed their frustration over the written master plan document between the City and County not being applied to new subdivisions by the County.

Bob added that he would like to work on the school crossing at Wingate Elementary School. It's imperative to get the kids across the road safely. Would like to get the experts out there to work on a solution.

Shawn spoke about Redlands Mesa development. Looking at approximately 450 residences with an 18 hole golf course built in the center of the homes. There will be an eight foot detached trail around their entire loop boulevard. Developer is making an attempt to leave a single track off road loop around the bluff, dropping into Red Canyon. Shawn has requested several other connections in the area across the golf course, appear willing to do but safety is an issue.

Mike Stubbs' development looks to be working on trails to connect his development into the Redlands Mesa development. Meeting next week to discuss this as well as some land swaps.

Chris Barnes called with a request to mow the weeds on granted easement across his property (trail not constructed yet, but overrun with weeds). Trail would tie Fountain Head Subdivision over to Canyon View Park. Also talked about the church granting an easement across south end of their property for access to Canyon View.

Doug Cline spoke about road work on G Road on north and south side. Still working on needed easements. The bridge is on order for 25 ¼ Road, looking to install around the 1st of December.

Shawn said there is a subdivision being platted immediately west of Eagle Rim Park and Orchard Mesa Middle School, called Cedar Bluff Subdivision. It will have approximately six to eight homes. The property abuts the Redlands Canal as it leaves Eagle Rim Park and heads towards Lamplight Subdivision on the south side of the river. The subdivision is interested in deeding the property to the City that is north of their subdivision which would include the canal and the canal road and the bluff down to the river (Shawn thinks). Shawn doesn't think there will be a problem getting the trails connected into Eagle Rim Park. There is one landowner that is opposed to any kind of trails and that could cause a problem. If everything works out, could have another six to eight mile loop similar to the Blue Heron loop.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Gerry Tucker attended the last meeting, the title has been expanded to include the Regional Transportation Office. He then passed around information he received at the meeting that describes what the MPO is, who attends and their purpose. He talked about the Unified Planning Workshop and passed around an outline. Bussing was discussed at last meeting and the MPO is still examining the plan to cover the need from Palisade to Fruita. General public won't be able to use for several

years, it will be for individuals with disabilities, seniors and young children. Also discussed a multi-modal transportation center. Talk was centered around the old bus station, many thought AM Track Station would be a good central location.

Community Awareness

Logos - Jamie and Gerry met with the artist about the changes. Hope to have something for the August meeting. Bob mentioned that when logo is ready, he'd like to have awards made for retired UTC members.

Urban Trails Priority List - Cindy Burke was responsible for this committee, Paul Teal volunteered to take over the committee. Jody said there is nothing to update. Doug talked about the possibility of a pedestrian bridge across Indian Wash, widening west shoulder on 28th Road between Grand and Belford, will be widening the road around the first of the month. Discussion was held regarding striping for bike lane or just signing. Doug said it would pretty much be up to Jody. Jody said that she and Doug would take a look at an appropriate solution.

Jody added that they're waiting for more chip seal before they can re-stripe 1st from Independent up to Orchard. Also planning on completing segment of Patterson Road between 28 and 28 ¼.

Public Comment

Doug updated everyone on the Old Mill Bridge, vandalism has slowed down. Colorado Bridge and Iron is finishing up the guards for the overhead lights. Rick with Traffic is really busy, but he will put the new guards up as soon as possible. The settling situation is still happening but not a fast. Still working on solutions.

Jamie added that a member of Urban Trails would attend the Riverfront Commission monthly meetings and give a report, Pat Kennedy was doing it in the past. Jamie would like to do a rotation schedule so each member attends at least one to two meeting per year to give the report. Bob, Lenna and Bill will not be included in the rotation since they are members of the Riverfront Commission and already have committee reports to give at the meetings. Jamie will work up a schedule and get it to each member.

Doug added that he and Paul Nelson meet with Jeanette with Botanic Gardens with regard to the parking situation or lack of parking at the Botanic Gardens. Will chip seal a temporary lot for now while working on a more permanent solution. Shawn added what he, Mark Relph and Joe Stevens discussed and what they recommend. All ideas will need to be looked at and all concerns must be addressed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.