

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
August 11, 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	Birgit Bostelman
Paul Teal	John Paxson
Lenna Watson	

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

**Approval of Minutes**

There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting. July minutes could not be approved.

**Announcements**

Reminded everyone about the Colorado Trails Symposium October 8<sup>th</sup> - October 10<sup>th</sup> which is being held in Grand Junction.

Bill Findlay mentioned the next round of grant money available as stated in the July issue of the State Trails newsletter (Michele will included in mailing of minutes). Bob told everyone to think of a project that could use funding. He also mentioned that everyone needed to be aware that match money would need to be found in order to apply for the grant money. The match need not be dollar for dollar.

Bill brought up the Jarvis property. Bob diagrammed and explained the Jarvis trail to the new members.

Jamie asked about the Matchett property and if the public can access the property. Shawn said it's somewhat premature. Still waiting for the Master Plan. Shawn said it was suppose to be ready this year, however, it will probably be pushed back a year.

Jamie suggested thinking about some projects (even reviewing the Priority List) and will discuss again at next meeting.

Shawn brought up PR projects, like signage - a good source to get Urban Trails Committee's name out to the public. Feels there is a need to get more and better signs up (including safety signs). Shawn also said he believes a Trails Grant can be used for maps and publications.

Lenna suggested something for UTC to put onto Rural Net and the Riverfront Commission's web page. Could use grant money to have UTC page designed.

### **Old Business**

The picnic (thanks to Shawn) has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for 6pm at Hawthorne Park. Picnic committee will be briefly meeting after UTC meeting. More details to follow at next meeting.

Paul Teal brought up the Children's Challenge. He has arranged for UTC to have a booth, will be in with City Market. Will need a sign/banner for the booth and maps. Looking to see about 200+ people pass by the booth. Paul will need volunteers to man the booth, from about 8am to 1pm. It was also agreed to get an enlarged map from Ken Simms.

There was no more Old Business.

### **New Business**

Bob informed the members that Bob Ferrante has taken a new job in Reno, Nevada and has resigned from Urban Trails. Michele will contact Stephanie Nye with the City to let her know she needs to run another ad for a replacement. It was agreed to go ahead and have her advertise for two positions since Bob will be leaving in September.

Bob thinks John has proposal ready. John talked about his idea of "Walks and Strolls". He passed out a typed proposal of what the "Walks and Strolls" are all about and how he'd like to try and implement the idea. Trails would be marked with distances and a different trail would be featured each month. All events would be non-competitive. Would contact newspaper with schedule of times and dates for their calendar of events.

Suggested contacting organized groups of runners or walkers to get the word out. Paul said he would love to pass out the information at the Children's Challenge if something could be put together by then. John asked if there was a master schedule he would need to consult before scheduling dates and times.

Lenna said Trail Host Volunteers would be a good source of advertising. John would need to contact Fred Bohlmann with State Parks and Paula Anderson with the GJPD.

Bill said he would like to see more children using the trails.

Bob said to check out three things: a couple events, knowledge about walking groups in the area, figure out how to get in the paper and what would be free and what would have to be paid for. Shawn said the Rec Department has a radio show that could even advertise. If enough advance notice, could get in the Parks & Rec Department next brochure.

Would like to see neighborhood walks and maybe some Parks walks scheduled. Shawn said maps for individual walks could be done on the City computer.

Birgit said in Germany on the Volksmarch the children were given a pin for walking each trail. Discussed pins/ribbons or even colored stamps to hand out after event. Paul said City Market would consider handing out gift certificates after completing so many walks.

There was no further no business.

### **Committee Reports**

Recreational use of canal banks - Jamie spoke with Janet Terry, she reviewed the White Paper and the draft letter to the landowners, she suggested adding to the White Paper a comment that Canal Companies and the City are working together for the RFP and that they are addressing concerns about the use of canal banks. Jamie told her that there would be a cover note with the White Paper stating that there was an ongoing study between the City and Canal Companies. She was not okay with the letter to the landowners. She didn't like the layout or the style. Jamie promised her a rewrite of the letter with a cover letter to her and City Council members because they want to move forward with the letter to the landowners.

Bob said, UTC needs to talk with the City regarding money needed if landowners want to sell their easement after receiving the letter from UTC. Urban Trails Committee is currently in no position to offer money for the easements. Lenna said that when UTC met with Mark Achen, the City had money if UTC needed it for easements. Bob said that if the City was willing to commit some money, then UTC could go for some matching money from the next round of grants discussed above.

Jamie suggested getting the letter redone and then meeting with Janet Terry, City Council and Mark Achen to discuss strategy.

### Subdivision Trails

Redlands Mesa - Jamie spoke with Scott Harrington today and what was submitted for Redlands Mesa has been rejected. Second submittal should be in next two weeks. Jamie then briefed new members about the development. He meet with Trent Prall, City Engineer and a member of the developer's engineering crew. They laid out a very long trail along the ridge all around the

property. It will most likely not be on the ODP but it will be considered. The City will periodically asked for this trail to be incorporated during the development process.

Urban Trails Committee members decided that they do not want to be a review agency for the City.

Bob asked if anything new on the Wingate crossing. Jody said not that she was aware of.

Shawn stated that Chris Karnes, developer of North Valley came to Parks and wanted to know when they were going to build the trail. Shawn had him supply a proposal from his contractor to go ahead a do it. Parks contracted with the contractor to put the trail in at North Valley Subdivision.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Gerry Tucker was not here to report. Jody said she didn't make it to the last one. Jamie asked when the meetings take place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:30pm.

### Community Awareness

Logos - Jamie passed around the revised copy of the logo. Noted that the coloring is off. Asked everyone what they thought. Paul motioned to adopt logo for Urban Trails Committee Logo using colors similar to Riverfront Commission logo colors. Bill second. Motioned passed. Jamie will meet with Dan to get finalized.

Bob added that they will take logo over to Trophy Shop for a plaque to give to departing Urban Trails Committee members.

Shawn showed the group a logo he had just sketched. Bill motioned to put off decision on logo for another month. Paul second. Motion passed four to three. Group said they would like to see a computer generated one to compare the two logos. Lenna suggested that Community Awareness Community meet with Shawn next week to speed up process. Will get both logos out to members so will be ready for next meeting.

Urban Trails Priority List - Paul meet with Jody about what has been achieved and what is trying to be achieved. Jody provided Paul with a list of completed projects for 1998, a list of scheduled projects and a future list. He will keep the group updated at each meeting. He passed around copies of each list.

Paul said he will continue to try and reach Pete Baier. Jody suggested he try contacting Mike Meininger, County Engineer, (over traffic) he is directly over Mr. White but under Pete. Bob suggested co-chair attend meeting with Mike.

Paul asked what UTC felt about going before the County Commissioners and restate priorities of what they agreed to on the riverfront and the multi-modal plan. Perhaps asked them for help in developing more urban area within the county.

Jamie suggested first meeting with Jim Baughman (and other council members) along with a co-chair to just talk with them and reintroduce the Urban Trails Committee. Bob added that the county commissioners (unless they've changed their policy) will not meet with group individually. Their position is to meet only at the commission meetings.

Bob also suggested that UTC might want to see if the county would like to have a representative attend the monthly meetings so they can inform the members of what is being done in the county.

### **Public Comment**

Doug Cline asked Jody to passed along a few things. G Road is underway - widening between 25 ½ to 26 Road. Earth work done and looking at prime coat later this week and possibly paving next week. Bridge over canal in the fall. Have lowered speed limit to 40, thinking about putting in rumble strip and making it a no passing zone.

Tabeguache parking lot paving is still in the works for this fall.

Orchard Mesa Bridge - all the lights are working and guards are in place.

Bob asked about the status on parking at Botanic Gardens. Shawn said he was going to ask the same thing. No one has heard anything.

There was no further public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.