

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
October 13, 1998**

Call to Order

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

Jamie Lummis
Gerry Tucker

Bill Findlay
John Paxson

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

Approval of Minutes

Bill motioned to approve the minutes. John second the motion. Motion approved.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Shawn said that UTC did a good job on the picnic. Jamie added that because of the picnic, eight really good people applied for the two openings on UTC.

Old Business

Trail Grants Prospects - Jamie said he hasn't done anything on it. Bill said he attended the meeting on the GOCO funds, Bob Cron also attended. Bill believes that the trails grant request for the study of how to deal with Monument Road would probably be considered a small grant and hopefully be approved.

Jamie said that Bob as the Legacy Coordinator goal is to get GOCO to fully fund the Legacy project, since it received only a portion of what was needed in the last round. The riverfront project has met GOCO's criteria and have progress that far exceed some of the other projects.

Jamie said that he believed the UTC agreed to put a grant together to do a study on what's the best use and plan for Monument Road since it was on UTC's priority list. Most of the

road is currently within the County and the County won't commit any money. Deadline is December 1st. Jamie asked if there was approval from the committee to have Bob Cron help write the grant. Committee approved.

Shawn said the City was planning on applying for a grant for Canyon View. Also working on plan for 24 Road. They are allowing for a trail up 24 Road, will go from Patterson up to Canyon View. Currently trail is being planned for east side of the wash, separated from 24 Road. Looks like it will happen next year, looking out three lanes to start and eventually going to five lanes.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Bill said he spoke with someone about the Riverside area. Riverside group had received word that the school will be spared (per an article in the newspaper), they are planning on making the school a multi-cultural event center and putting in a soccer field. Bob Cron told Bill he doesn't believe the property would be considered part of Legacy.

Jamie and Gerry met to going over their priorities as new co-chairs. Trying to tie up for this year, UTC priority list, canal bank issues - still needs to talk with Janet Terry about the RFP and the status of the City and Canal Companies discussions. Have a logo and need to decide what to do with it. Main priority is to set up another retreat. Jamie and Gerry will set up toward the middle or end of November.

Other items discussed - get the County more involved, will be meeting with Scott Harrington of Community Development, hopefully they can get someone from the County to attend. Also want to get everyone member assigned to a committee, because want active members.

Bill commented on the odors from the rendering plant and odors from other places in the Valley. Several people have complained - many forget the businesses with the offensive odors were there long before the trails. Bill was wondering if there were any pollution standards that the City and County have that aren't being adhered to. Shawn said he doesn't know of any regulations or ways to control or monitor it. Would probably need to contact the Air Quality Board.

UTC agreed it wasn't their place to get involved nor was it up to Riverfront Commission, should come from outside consumer group.

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Recreational use of canal banks - Jamie needs to call Janet Terry. Believes they are still working on the RFP and survey. City and County have been busy on the Persigo Agreement that was signed tonight.

Bill asked if the new agreement will have an impact on the boundaries of Urban Trails. Jamie wasn't sure, currently the boundaries are 19 and 32 Road. Shawn believes the area is actually larger based on the premise that working from 19 to 32 Road and from the Monument to the desert on the north.

Shawn added that it would behoove the committee to get a reading of the agreement to see how it will effect planning and to see what is actually in the agreement. Shawn said a City Attorney might come and explain the agreement to UTC, Jamie said he would contact the office of the City Attorney to see if someone would come and talk about the agreement.

Shawn asked if Pat Kennedy was still serving on the ad hoc committee, Jamie said yes he was but the committee hasn't met for sometime.

Michele added that at the Colorado Trail Symposium, several attendees asked why the canal banks couldn't be used for trails and that they did use them, knowing they were trespassing.

Subdivision Trails

Renaissance - was to go before the City tonight, did not happen because the developers had not responded to the comments Bob Cron made in his September 9th letter nor the comments Shawn had made. They hope to go before the City next month.

Redlands Mesa - a big meeting is coming up. Documentation has been sent to the developers. Bob, Pat and Jamie met with the developers and they changed some critical access to Red Canyon, access to the single track going up to the Pink Tank Mesa, they made some changes on their single track that will work better, especially off Hole 13, moved it into the interior. The 18" unimproved single track at some points goes back onto the main trail system and then back off it twice for short periods of time. The UTC felt that was appropriate, City did not. They want the developer to keep more off the trail system. Jamie doesn't know how that will effect UTC. The City wants some lots changed. Jamie will be getting a letter to the Planning Office.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - No report on the MPO. Jody said transit was a big deal, hope to have by the year 2000. Starting Citizen Round Table meetings with the Transit Steering Committee. Will be updating the 2020 Transportation Improvement

Plan this year. Plan currently goes to 2015. Jody will let UTC know if there is anything they should get involved with. The ISTEA legislation kicks in more money available. CDOT has more money available, their area is Vail to Ridgeway. Jody doesn't believe Kim Simms had been hired on full time.

Community Awareness -

Logos - Jamie passed around the final logo for everyone to review. He thanked Shawn Cooper for all his efforts. Jamie wanted to know what everyone wanted to do with the logo. Everyone agreed getting the logo on trail signs would be a good idea. Shawn added that there might be trail grant money available for marketing. Jamie was going to check with Bob. Jody said she would get information on how many bike route signs are in the ground. Talked about putting them on at certain intervals. Suggestion was made to see what peel and stick decals would cost. UTC members and volunteers could adhere them to the signs. Jody was going to check and see if that could be done. Jamie asked about letterhead. Michele stated that in the past Colorado Printing has done the letterhead free of charge and only charged a set up fee for the logo.

Urban Trails Priority List - Paul wasn't here to give an update.

Walks & Strolls - John updated the group on what has happened to date. Meet with Fred Bohlmann with State Parks, he was a big help. Suggested John write up a proposal and have someone read it to see if they understood what the proposal was and was not doing. Want to make sure people can understand the difference between a casual event versus a special event. Casual events would not need the portable privies, police officers wouldn't be needed. Fred agreed to review the proposal, John hasn't had time to get it written. Will have something available for the November meeting.

Bill added that he would really like to see children, even daycare and preschool children down on the trails. John said that Paula Anderson with the GJPD said the same thing.

Public Comment

Jamie asked Jody what was going on with the Round About. She said the truck pad was poured today.

Jamie reminded John that he will be attending the October Riverfront Meeting. Gerry, November and Paul the December meeting.

Shawn said that this coming Saturday will a Disc Golf Tournament at Canyon View Park. Drilling the holes today, setting the sleeves tomorrow. Course will be moved eventually but for now it is permanent. There will be lakes and rough areas.

Bill asked about Eagle Rim. Shawn will bring the Master Plan to next meeting. Hope to go out to bid in January and hope to break ground in late March or April.

North Valley Subdivision trails are being poured sometime this week. The project is off G Road and will connect almost to 24 ³/₄ or 24 ³/₈ Road. Church seems agreeable to grant access right of way across their property which will take trail to Canyon View. Neighborhood would like to see some striping of a cross walk for the trail.

Shawn asked who applied for the Urban Trails open positions. Jamie read the list of eight candidates and he and Gerry will be contacting the individuals to schedule interviews.

Suggestion was made to have the Mesa County Employee on as an ex-officio member. It was also suggested to up the number of members on the board since so many good people applied. Jamie was going to check into the expanding the board, however, he stressed that the committee wants committed members. Members felt 11 would be good. Riverfront currently has 11.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.