

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
November 10, 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

Paul Teal
John Paxson

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Michele reminded everyone that they are invited to the December 15th Riverfront meeting and social at the Pinon Grill at Tiara Rado. Spouses are welcome, cash bar and RSVP required.

Old Business

Trail grant prospects - deadline is December 1st. Paul stated that he attended the GOCO meeting and one requirement is matching funds. Jamie asked Bob for his comments. Bob explained the four grant cycles and requirements of each grant program. Paul asked Bob about matching - what is considered match? Bob said GOCO requires that part of the match be cash (he thinks it's 15% cash - total match is 25%). In kind can make up 10% and land can be used if purchased one year before grant application (up to the value of the land). Jamie is going to contact State Trails Coordinator for more information. Shawn explained that the application is short with description of project and a couple of maps and the importance of the project to the overall network. Bob said support letters will be required. A presentation will need to be done, probably February in Glenwood Springs.

Would like to use grant for Monument Road project. Jamie will look at grant application before Thursday meeting with Carl White.

Paul and Gerry agreed to help Jamie with the application process.

Will be interviewing five out of the eleven applications for the vacancies. Will be offering two ex-officio positions, one works with the BOR and will be replacing Russ Storbo, BOR and the other is an individual with the County. Will be interviewing three on Wednesday and two on Thursday. Will be selecting three. Lenna Watson has stepped down to get ready for the next co-chair position on the Riverfront.

Retreat to be held December 3rd at Coors Ceramics, 4pm to 8:30pm. Jamie will contact Tim Sarmo to facilitate. Bring ideas and thoughts to the retreat for discussion.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Shawn mentioned that Stuart Macdonald has requested updated information for the West Slope Trail map. Shawn reviewed it and didn't see any changes for this year. There were no changes.

City is in the process of scheduling a meeting with several entities regarding maintenance of single track/mountain bike trails that the City is acquiring. Looking to COPMOBA or some other private entity to maintain the trails - City doesn't have manpower to handle them. Tim Woodmansee suggested a meeting with the entities to look for ideas, etc. Bob suggested including the Trails West HOA and Bob would be happy to represent Monument Valley.

Shawn passed around an e-mail from Stuart Macdonald to have company e-mail address added to the State Trails e-mail list.

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Recreational use of canal banks - Jamie said there have been two companies that responded to the RFP. Survey will be in the City of Grand Junction, will survey 400 residents to see how being used and if there is a need and interest to develop for trails, check other similar canal networks within the state based on CFS flow. Will do a study of current recreational use of the canal banks and the canal companies are happy with the study. City will probably pay for the full \$39,000 cost.

Janet Terry showed UTC letter to landowners to the canal company representatives, they became upset and tone of the meeting changed. Canal companies stated some exclusive

easements have been returned to them. City wants canal companies to understand that they are very serious about this issue. Will be meeting with consultant first week of December. Jamie needs to check with Janet about releasing the letter.

Jamie believes this issue will be revisited at the retreat.

Discussion about going to the press and having UTC story printed in the paper. Bob suggested contacting the paper to see if they won't sponsor the two view points. Jamie said he'll call Janet and run idea by her.

Subdivision Trails

High Tiara - Gerry met with Tom Dixon with Mesa County and Dave Thornton regarding this subdivision. Discussion over trail going from Seasons to High Tiara. Both are prepared to release a right of way in exchange for a trails right of way, this would allow for the developer to gain a lot. Developer and some homeowners want the trail to be a primitive with a very narrow easement. City wants an eight foot finished and hard surface trail for equipment, County bending towards primitive. Cut and fill only needed at top which is part of County. Gerry wrote letter on behalf of UTC stating support for full width trail with hard surface. Jamie asked Gerry to follow up with Tom.

Renaissance - preliminary hearing will be next Tuesday with the City Planning Commission. Jamie will try and attend to reinforce UTC's suggestions.

Redlands Mesa - Currently have comments to Kathy Portner. Jamie reviewed those comments with the group. Jamie isn't sure when a decision will be forthcoming.

Jamie asked about Country Crossing at 25 and G. Apparently a new development plan is in the works. Asked Shawn if there was anything UTC needed to comment on. Shawn said he hasn't seen anything on it for several months.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Gerry attended the meeting and the memorandum has been signed by all entities involved. Major street plan is on the December agenda for adoption by the City and County Planning Commissions. Updated on the transport development plan, tasks were distributed. 256-Ride is number for anyone with questions. Steering committee working on fee structure. Extending the transportation planning from the year 2015 to 2020.

Access to the fairgrounds has been modified.

Gerry read the traffic accident recap.

Community Awareness - Jamie will meet with Michele on how to get a final version of logo for letterhead.

Jody hasn't had time to get count on signs and if decals can be placed on the signs. She will get the information together by the retreat.

Urban Trails Priority List - One new thing on priority list. County contacted Jamie about a new subdivision going in at E and D ½. Developer looking at detached path. Remainder of area is developing rapidly but will be done piece meal.

Paul said there was nothing new to report with the City's list.

Walks & Strolls - John passed a rework of the original proposal with Fred Bohlmann's changes. Won't be planning anything until March, will promote through newsletters, senior papers, community boards and at schools. Reminded everyone that this will be casual events not structured. There will be no police, etc.

Jamie added that he would like to further discuss this topic and about committees needed and directions. Asked John to put together five or six starting points for the retreat meeting. Shawn offered maps, will be able to enlarge and include mileage. Paul volunteered to help.

Public Comment

Bob Cron diagrammed Monument Road and South Camp while discussing Redstone Estates. He briefed the group on Ken Simms recommendation from two years ago of an off street path. Bob went to the hearing and the proposal was four feet of pavement with stripping - Bob got up and spoke about the need for the off street path and that it was part of the MPO plan.

Bob stressed that there is a problem with recommendations being forwarded to the County that do not include all the staff recommendations. Developer was not happy because County staff didn't inform him about the MPO plan and that the off street path was part of that plan.

Bob attended the City Council budget workshop for Legacy and he informed the group of some items that are funded. Trail along the north side of Horizon Drive will be built in '99 and will go from 7th up to G Road. The other is 24 Road from Canyon View Park down to F Road (Patterson) off street path. The only problem still being getting people over the Redlands Parkway bridge from Jr. Service League. Shawn said he met with Mike Curtis a few weeks back and they walked the whole thing and he thinks they've solved the problem, he then diagrammed how you'd get across the bridge. There are a few problems with traffic/pedestrian on the bridge that need to be worked out.

There is \$45,000 in the '99 budget for South Camp - the City is proposing to provide an off street path with curb and gutter between Trails West Development and the proposed Renaissance development.

Shawn showed the Eagle Rim Master Plan. He explained about the parking area and the proposed 50 spaces with the intent of servicing the trail as a trailhead connection. Talked about the Daughters of the American Revolution sculptor and the city's proposal of a roller blade and inline skating course and a skate board park. Still working on geotech problems with the soil. Proceeding with design development, looking to start construction development in late January and have out to bid in late winter or early spring. Would like to break ground in late spring or early summer. Will be done in two phases with completion slated for 2002.

Jarvis trail plans should go out to bid sometime next week. Still waiting on cost estimate. Completion may be late spring.

Jody informed the group that Doug said bridge for G Road is on order. He is still working with St. Mary's and hopes to have completed by '99.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.