

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
January 12, 1999**

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	Paul Teal
Robert Traylor	John Paxson
Birgit Bostelman	Terri Binder
Bill Findlay	

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

Approval of Minutes

Terri motioned to approve the minutes. Robert second the motion. Motion approved.

Announcements

Terri said she went to the planning commission meeting about Redlands Mesa. Terri presented UTC's recommendations, planning commission approved the project to include UTC's recommendations.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Paul spoke with Ken Simms regarding the MPO letter Paul sent for the 2020 plan and Lewis Wash - down 31 Road. Ken told Paul it was included in plan, however, it would have to be prioritized with other projects and then would depend on funding.

John mentioned the maps Jody passed around are labeled incorrectly. She will bring corrected maps to the next meeting.

Ken Simms needs to be added to UTC mailing list.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Procedures for Public Comment - the co-chairs would like all members to follow, if you are representing UTC, please represent UTC. If you have a comment from the neighborhood perspective or planning perspective, other than UTC - would prefer you defer, have another UTC member represent UTC - represent one or the other.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Recreation use of the canal banks - Robert and Bill met with Pat Kennedy and Shawn Cooper to get history and to look at maps. They reviewed and identified sites available with Shawn. The Matchett property appears to be the most feasible site and best candidate for the pilot project.

Jamie thought that two projects might be a good idea - using the property out between 25 and 25 ½ Road. Likes link from subdivision to subdivision. Shawn said the concern with this area is the expense of a bridge over Leech Creek. Jamie suggested going out to the property and look it over.

Bill passed around a draft of options with pros and cons for members review.

Committee's goal is to start a demonstration project. Shawn suggested waiting until after the joint feasibility study is done. Jamie said would like committee to ask some general questions, do some groundwork and get some ballpark figures on what committee is looking at to do this project. Won't actively advertise the pilot project. Does not want to get ahead of the City in their efforts with the canal companies and the City's master plan.

Shawn asked what happens if the survey comes back and the idea is a no go. Jamie said everyone is thinking positively - haven't thought that far ahead.

Jamie added brief history of meeting with Greg Hoskin. Discussed liability issue and that City probably would take on liability if canal banks were used for recreational purposes. Shawn added that the City has always been under the assumption that the City would be liable as long as the reason for the claim was not the fault of the Canal Company. If the claim results from something the Canal Company did then the City would go back to the Canal Company. Even with laws recently passed limiting Canal Companies' liability, they believe they would be liable. Canal Companies feel that the City and other entities won't provide the liability for recreational use. Jamie believes the City will need to step forward and make decisions on what they view as their exposure and if they will take on liability. If not the City, then the other entities involved.

Jamie added that perhaps there might be a way that both sides can support a legislative measure that everyone is happy with.

Jamie gave Bill and Robert a copy of the RFP and the survey. According to Pat - believes survey information should be back by first of March.

Jamie asked the group to bring next month a list of their goals and actions for 1999.

Community Awareness - John passed around a print out detailing what their goals and actions for 1999 would be. Will be developing a trail map that will be published in the telephone book, cut off is July. Birgit talked with Jerry Weaver at Mesa State, he teaches the television and production class. Mr. Weaver might be interested in taking on a video as a class project or the mass communication department may have students interested in doing something. Still waiting to hear from Mr. Weaver or the students. Working on kiosk information for portable kiosk. Will work more closely with the City, the news media and businesses regarding PR for UTC.

Included was a schedule for the Walks and Strolls, first to start in March and continue through the summer months. John asked Terri for help if she was still interested.

Robert suggested having the police bike patrol take school children and show them how to safely use the trails and how to get from one place to another and what to do when they encounter traffic. Michele gave John the telephone number of the officer in charge of the bike patrol.

Jamie suggested the group contact Mary Steinbach with the City Park and Rec Department to see what the City will be doing for Bike to Work Day.

Birgit contacted the Senior Centers and they were very interested in having someone to come in and talk with the group. They also would like very large, easy to read maps. Jamie asked Birgit to set it up.

Terri asked about 24 Road and if it would connect to Canyon View Park. She suggested John contact the New Comers Club. She mentioned she's working on the transit system and she wants to see them put bike racks on the bus system.

Master Plan - Paul said their group hasn't been able to meet. He put together a list of the plans and goals. Jody ran off a new list of projects that have been completed by the City. Want to continue work on the lines of communication with the County. Want to meet with Jody and discuss current and future projects. Will continue on striping, signing and identify areas that need striping and signing. Major goal is to get County to commit to a little bit of striping on some roads where extra pavement has been added for safety reasons. Want to identify new access points to the riverfront trails. Want to identify new subdivisions for easements and access. Want to do research on the Master Plan. Need to revisit and see if still feasible and who, where and how they amend the Master Plan.

Will pursue applying for grant money and grant applications. Jamie said Bob Cron is willing to assist in this area. Want to develop better working relationship with Mesa County Planning and Traffic Division so they will inform UTC about upcoming projects. Want all committee members to learn more about the Master Plan so everyone knows what everyone is talking about. Lastly, want to make the committee fun!

Public Comment

Jody asked if Jamie received the letter inviting him to the West Metro Transportation Study. Various community leaders have been invited, it is a jointly funded project between the City and Mesa County. A Salt Lake Consultant will be looking at numerous things from now until August for long range transportation planning for a 20 year plan for the west side of the valley. Will also look at the need for new interchanges on I-70, where or not there is a need for one or more, if do, cost benefit analysis - alternatives if don't. Looking at Riverside bypass. Public Works Department has been working with neighborhood several years. Revisiting 12th Street portion of the north/south corridor. Looking at need for another river crossing on the west side of the valley. Will be having an open house on January 25th at Two Rivers Convention Center, 4pm-7pm. Jamie will contact her on Thursday.

Paul said that the Commissioner of Bureau of Reclamation (National level) made an announcement of further enhancement of reclamation and the involvement of recreation and that they are trying to expand on that and make it a major initiative. He will keep the group posted as he gets more information.

Jamie asked who was going to the January Riverfront Commission, there wasn't anyone assigned. Robert agreed to attend.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.