

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
February 9, 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
Gerry Tucker	Robert Traylor
John Paxson	Birgit Bostelman
Bill Findlay	Kelley Burford

Also present were Shawn Cooper, Bob Cron, Ken Scissors and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Announcements**

Terri Binder has taken Gerry's place as the vacationing expert, she's in Hawaii.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business**

Michele gave Jamie a preliminary plan for Phase I of Redlands Mesa to review. Jamie will follow up with it. Shawn added that it looks like pretty much what they wanted. He is disappointed that they didn't achieve a single track loop on the site. Appears they will be dedicating open space below the ridge to the City.

Bill asked about the widening of South Camp Road. Jamie said he hadn't heard anything yet. Bob said if the single track trail on the old abandoned canal (high on the hill) was part of the property, the City was going to require it included as an easement. They were going to include an easement along the active canal. Street side, to include additional street width, ten foot concrete path (off street). Only got one connection from the subdivision on the active canal instead of the two UTC wanted. There is an easement to the active canal.

There was no further old business.

### **New Business**

Michele asked who would be doing the Riverfront update next week. Jamie then went ahead and assigned the remainder of the year. Riverfront meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, same room.

January - Robert

February - Kelley/Gerry

March - Birgit

April - Jamie

May - Gerry/Kelley

June - Paul

July - Bill

August - Terri

September - John

October - Robert

November - Birgit

December - Jamie

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Recreation use of the canal banks - Robert put together a memo that was passed around to everyone. It detailed their action plan. A list of canal company board members was passed around to see if anyone personally knew someone on the list. Still waiting for others to be mailed to them along with the companies' Bylaws. Discussed attending the canal companies' annual meetings.

Contact other cities that have the same issues with canal banks and how they solved the problems. Some mentioned were Boulder, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Denver (Highline Project), Phoenix, Montrose, Loveland, Delta, Pueblo and Fort Morgan. Bill mentioned that if any UTC members travel to these areas this spring or summer, to check out their canal trails and report back to the committee.

Will talk with County Commissioners after the survey is completed.

Talked about the Price Stubbs ditch. Paul was willing to talk with John and set up a meeting.

Robert talked about the liability issue. He made copies of the law to review with members. Canal companies still do not feel the law protects them enough. Talked about what could be done to appease the canal companies fears and concerns. Bob suggested talking with Dan Wilson before talking with canal companies. Finished reviewing remainder of items on the memo.

Suggestion made to wait until the survey is completed and then go out to where people are using the canals and stir up their interest in the issue.

Still waiting for a copy of the Bureau of Reclamation's recent speech regarding their more recreational friendly attitude.

Community Awareness - Jerry Weaver at Mesa State is willing to take on the video as a class project. Will start in the fall. Birgit and John need to get a detailed outline together for him. Video should be completed by the end of the year.

Finishing planning for the Walks and Strolls Program. First walk is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Corn Lake. John is working with Kristin Winn to help with the PR. Jamie asked everyone to support the program and put in on their planners.

Birgit stated she needs large maps. Was told to contact Rick Corsi with the County.

Birgit's husband willing to build portable kiosk. She needs a plan of what the group wants. John said looking for a triangle that folds up. Shawn diagrammed a couple of different styles. Group preferred the smaller version - easier for one person to move in and out of their car. Talked about what would like to have on the three sides, a master plan map, existing trails, list of projects, upcoming events, maps, and comment cards.

Master Plan - Kelley said their group prioritized the list of what was done last year and what was still incomplete. Will address one of each area of the valley. Monument Road being one, Lewis Wash and 26 Road north between Patterson and G Road. Terri was going to meet with Kathy Hall and get some feedback.

Looking to clarify the appropriate way to make changes or alterations to the Master Plan. Paul said he has information for the group. Paul has talked with Jody and Ken Simms about changes to the Master Plan. They are working on setting up a meeting with Scott Harrington in Community Development. Paul said Ken is doing an aerial survey of the Grand Valley. Will take the master plan and identify areas that no longer work or could be problems.

Jamie and Gerry told the members they are impressed with each groups' progress and efforts.

### **Public Comment**

Jamie introduced Bob Cron and why he was here. Bob gave a brief history of what he did for UTC and what he does for Legacy and what the project is. Currently moving the trailhead parking lot at the Botanic Gardens thanks to the efforts of staff with the City. Now looking to pave the lot. Bob talked about the Tabeguache lot and how Doug Cline was going to pave it and that Doug was willing to move the paving project to the Botanic Gardens with the UTC approval. Letter already signed.

Bob attended the Riverside Task Force meeting. They are concerned about the lights being out in the tunnel. Bob contacted Doug Cline with the City and he is currently working on the same kind of guards made for the bridge lights. They are also interested in making the tunnel ADA accessible. There is a resident living near there who is in a wheelchair. Shawn said Mark Relph is working on that with the redesign of the Riverside Thoroughfare.

Bob said there is a lot of grant money (\$2 million) and UTC should consider applying for it during the next cycle in December. Group has a copy of a submitted grant proposal.

City of Fruita has now adopted a Trails and Traffic Calming Plan. Suggested that Bennett with the City of Fruita come and talk to the group. Canal bank issue rose up there too. A very strong letter was written to the City Council by the Canal Companies demanding that canals banks not be shown on the map. City Council will show the banks on the maps.

Bill asked if the canal bank with no ownership issue, would it be a problem getting a bridge over it. Would the bridge fall under the grant criteria. Bob said yes it would, just need to find the match money.

Jamie introduced Ken Scissors - an interested citizen. Ken is a newcomer to the area. He likes to use trails and was surprised at how things are done here. He came from Portland, Oregon and watched it go from a small community into a big city. Doesn't want to see what happened to Portland happen to Grand Junction.

Shawn showed his diagrams for the kiosk. Explained pros and cons of each design. Gerry had concerns for wind blowing kiosk down. Committee Awareness Committee will decide which style to go with.

Jamie reminded all groups that if they need any help to call either himself and Gerry.

There was no further public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.