

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
March 10, 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	Terri Binder

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Jamie mentioned that under the February minutes, Birgit will be taking Jamie's place for the April Riverfront Commission meeting. No one will need to attend the March meeting due to field trip. Paul motioned to approve the minutes. John second the motion. Motion approved.

**Announcements**

First Walks and Strolls program is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Corn Lake State Park. There was a very nice piece in the City Newsletter.

John added that Birgit has made copies of the schedule and has hung them up all over town. John also received call from Fred Bohlmann with State Parks and fees would be waived for this event and will evaluate if there were problems. The kiosk was presented to the group (Birgit's husband and brother built it) and Jody will get more stickers run off. John has sent a press release to the paper and a different one to the television stations.

Michele stated that the Riverfront field trip may be canceled due to lack of participation. If it does go, group will meet at Lincoln Park at 8:45am, bus leaves at 9am sharp. Bring sack lunch and water. Riverfront will provide beverages.

Jamie informed the group that Kelley Burford submitted his resignation to the committee. He had too many other commitments and felt he couldn't give enough time to UTC. Jamie and Gerry will meet to discuss replacement for Kelley.

Terri spoke about the West Metro Transportation Study. She has been to two meetings. Group will be looking at more interchanges on I-70, a riverfront bypass between Redlands and Orchard Mesa, north/south study, hot spots of the future and solutions. Will come back with suggestions and ideas up to the year 2020. There was an individual there that stated bicycle trails need to be incorporated into any of the roads or things built. Consultant informed the group that the study was basically for cars, however, if something was to be built, the design phase would include bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways. There will be another public meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Two Rivers from 4pm-7pm.

There were no further announcements.

### **Old Business**

Jamie stated that the Renaissance project is in the final plat for Filing One. UTC had some impact on the final. Jamie showed the group the plat map and explained what was going to happen with the project. South Camp will be widened to "collector" status, there will be an off street pedestrian pathway, the City has agreed to come across the private land and widened the road and give a ten foot path which will hook up with the existing sidewalk at Trails West. The church property will be done as the road is improved. Jody believes it will happen sometime in 2003. There will be sidewalks on Renaissance Boulevard and on the cul de sacs. There is one property that has one access to the active canal bank. It has been agreed to a 12' pedestrian/bike path paved and improved to the active canal. This will eventually complete a loop in the area. There was further discussion on what UTC would like to happen with future development in the area. Jamie feels comfortable with what is on the map.

Shawn noted that dedications should be checked with the City Attorney's office. Thinks UTC should be very careful about promoting canal bank in the area, it could cause problems in the future. Bill thinks it might be an ideal project to help educate the public on what the Canal Companies do and why.

Bob suggested group should view this more as a local community trail. There will be no parking or a trailhead. Be sensitive to the neighbors and neighborhood.

Bill asked about the trails leading to the Monument but dead end. Bob stated cannot create access into the Monument without Monument's consent. Said there is an access point at Wildwood with a trailhead which connects to the Seasons. The other access point is up the canyon draw with a gate.

Jamie will tell the City in his comments that UTC approves of what's on the plat.

There was no further old business.

### **New Business**

Gerry passed around Committee Report sheets and explained how to use the form and help each committee member and subcommittee in reporting their progress. A revised form should be brought to each monthly meeting.

Paul suggested using it for six months and then evaluate if it works, what works and what doesn't work. Group agreed.

There was no further new business.

### **Committee Reports**

Recreation use of the canal banks - Group was slowed down due to Bill's surgery. They also had trouble setting up meeting. Paul, Bill and Shawn met with John Balla, Manager of the Grand Junction Drainage District. Group thought he had jurisdiction over the Price ditch onto the Matchett property, however, that falls under the Palisade Irrigation Company. He also didn't think Palisade would agree to the UTC's plan. He stated that motorized vehicles appear to be a problem on the canal banks. Bill thought that would be one point in marketing the idea to neighbors and the canal companies that the trails would keep the dirt bikes, etc. off the canals. He also explained the difference of easements between the canal companies and the drainage district. Canal companies can take whatever land is necessary for the canal whereas the drainage district is limited to boundaries that they have set and choose to meet these strict bounds. He proposed a meeting with himself, Doug Cline with the City, Shawn, Bill and Robert to discuss options and the Matchett property. Bill and Robert have meeting tomorrow with Dan Wilson to hear about the liability law.

Robert added that they have received the Bylaws of Redlands Water and Power and the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District. He has sent for the Articles of Incorporation because the articles can say something different from the bylaws. He has the names of the Board members of each board.

Bill asked about the status of the survey. Jamie said he thinks it's still about 60 days away before getting a first round report. He also asked when would be a good time to meet with Dr. Matchett without getting ahead of the survey. Shawn felt any time was okay to get his feedback.

Jamie asked about development on 28 Road and would there be a 28 ¼ Road. Jody said yes and it would border the property.

Bob suggested the co-chairs asked Bill and Robert to prepare a short white paper on what Dan Wilson tells them tomorrow. It is a key issue and a piece to the puzzle.

Shawn added that the canal companies feel the law didn't protect them (the canal companies) like it did individual landowners and recreational owners.

Jamie will check with Pat Kennedy to see if there is a proposed end date for the report.

Community Awareness - There was nothing further to add from previous information. Jamie asked who will be attending the Walks and Strolls on Saturday besides himself. Robert will be there unless he has to take his daughter skiing. John and Birgit will be there from 9am - Noon. Paul will make arrangements to be there. Terri can't, Gerry will try.

Paul asked why the UTC doesn't have name badges. They should have at least first name and Urban Trails Committee. Jamie said Michele would look into cost.

Master Plan - Paul said Ken Simms is working on the 2020 plan and hasn't had time to meet with the committee. Will set up meeting in next few weeks with him to go over the Master Plan. Group has spilled over into other committees this month and will hopefully have another person next month.

Jamie stated that Kristen Ashbeck told him about a development on 25 Road, south of G Road. Jamie made comments that referred to UT Master Plan. The developer did incorporate UTC ideas but commented to Kristen that he wanted to know why Planning and Community Works did not address the UT Master Plan. Kristen was apologetic and said that there are so many things that they check that sometimes they forget to check the Plan. Jamie and Paul have been talking about increasing awareness to Community Development, with Public Works and with their corresponding departments at the County. Jamie suggested they pick one department a month and meet with them. Co-chairs would be willing to attend.

Bob suggested the new members go and reintroduce the committee and their self to the departments and how can UTC work with them. Also mention that the UT Master Plan was adopted by the City and approved by the County.

Jamie said he had background information available from Carl White. Reminded the committees to inform co-chairs of when they plan meetings. Proud of all efforts each member is doing.

### **Public Comment**

Ken asked if there is a document that shows structure of the City and County procedures of who and how to get things do. Jody said Community Development is the clearing house for the City and they have a document that needs to be followed.

Shawn said Redlands Mesa is going through for preliminary plan review. Shawn discussed further with developer single track trails, public open space they are dedicating and some of the trail connections between neighborhood pods.

Summerhill which is developing north of Paradise Hills - Shawn saw it the other day and it has incorporated the UT Master Plan. There are two very distinct connections up to the canal trail and in a couple of places, there is a trail on the property adjacent to the canal. Subdivision similar to Paradise Hills, there are more trails integrated within the subdivision. Shawn believes its going to hearing soon. Robert agreed to contact Michael at City Planning to see the plans for the development.

Jody added that Doug is working on the G Road bridge, however, she doesn't know the status.

There was no further public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.