

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
April 13, 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	Ken Scissors
Gerry Tucker	Robert Traylor
John Paxson	Terri Binder
Bill Findlay	

Also present were Jody Kliska and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Michele noted she had typed the wrong date on the minutes, it should be the 9<sup>th</sup> not the 10<sup>th</sup>. John motioned to approve the minutes. Terri second. Motion passed.

**Announcements**

Co-chairs welcomed Ken Scissors as new member to UTC. Ken has filled the Master Plan vacancy.

There were no further announcements.

**Old Business**

Ken was asked about the 2020 plan. Jody updated the group on what is currently happening.

Jamie asked if the committee should do something from the Ridges to the west on Broadway. It is critical to what the committee is doing. Jody suggested Jamie call Ken Simms to see who they need to talk with. Jamie asked the Master Plan Committee to contact him and schedule a meeting. Jody believes that most of UTC's concerns are addressed in the priority list. Again, Jamie suggested the MPC meet with Jody to get more information from her.

There was no further old business.

### **New Business**

Gerry asked about maps, current ones are hard to read. Jody said she is working on prices and has had the back redone.

Gerry asked Jody if UTC could get a sign with the City's logo on it. She said that would be no problem.

Gerry gave John a sign up sheet to review.

Jamie asked Michele if the Riverfront Foundation would provide money for map printing. Michele told Jamie that the last Riverfront map's printing cost was donated by City Market.

Gerry has Michele make copies of the canal bank survey. She then passed the copies around to each member. One question with regard to drowning victims drew some concerns, especially the answers to chose from.

Gerry is trying to get someone from Fruita and Palisade to attend a meeting and explain what they are doing with trails and bike trail development.

Jamie then covered the handouts Michele gave everyone. One being the committee report calendar for the Riverfront meeting. A revised listing from members. Members gave their missing numbers and e-mail addresses. Last was a listing of terms. Jamie asked if Bill and Birgit will be reapplying - Bill said yes, Birgit not at meeting. Will check with her.

Co-chairs would like to get minutes sooner, perhaps the following week after each meeting. Michele said that she will try to get them out sometime the following week, however, she has several back to back meetings each month which makes it difficult to get the minutes typed up and out the day after each meeting. Jamie and Gerry will try to get the information for agenda to her sooner.

Terri stated that she read that Westminster has a police officer that patrols their trails on bikes. She wanted to know if Grand Junction has anything like that. She was informed about the volunteer trail host programs. She was given Paula Anderson's telephone number to get more information about the program.

Terri added that Volunteers of Colorado will be at Palisade in May to work at Riverbend Park. She has a friend that wants to know how to go about getting publicity for the event. Michele said her friend should contact Jack Yates.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Recreation use of the canal banks - Robert passed out copies of Board Members and a copy of his interpretation of the liability law. Committee met with Dan Wilson. Bob Cron had suggested at last meeting they write a white paper on Dan's opinion. Dan's opinion was that he didn't see any problems with the law as it is written. Robert then gave an overview of the law. Bottom line, he doesn't see a problem with the law as written, everyone is covered or protected. Robert stated that an attorney on either side would try and find a wrinkle in the law to make their case. Dan suggested taking the fight to them. Make it a political issue. Get those interested in the fight to be vocal.

Committee will take their cue from the survey results before they make plans/an agenda and move forward.

Community Awareness - Second Walks and Stroll took place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. John believes that most walkers are showing up before 9am. Will look at starting earlier at future walks. It was decided that all members would help man the events in shifts rather than the same two people there each event. Will be participating in community fair at the mall on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am - 4pm. Sign up sheet was passed around for each member to sign up for shifts.

Color map with corrections ready for phone book.

John will contact new radio station 88.1 for promotion of Walks and Strolls.

Master Plan - Working on plan of:

- 1) issue of getting sense of what's out there - overlay
- 2) enhance relationship with players
- 3) do they want to take a formal roll in planning process - be on checklist

Shawn is to funnel plans to UTC. Scott Harrington recommends UTC becomes review agency. Prior co-chairs did not believe committee should be a review agency. There was further discussion of the process and what is being used. Group decided to table idea until they have further information.

Jody will see if Scott, Kathy or Michael could come to next meeting to over the process.

## **Public Comment**

Public comment was held until next meeting due to the late hour.

There was no further public comment.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.