

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
May 11, 1999**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:30pm by Co-Chairman, Gerry Tucker. Those present from the Committee were:

Gerry Tucker	Ken Scissors
Robert Traylor	Birgit Bostleman
John Paxson	Terri Binder
Bill Findlay	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Scott Harrington, Allen Koch, Bob Cron, Shawn Cooper and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes. Paul second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Michele reminded everyone that the Riverfront Commission meeting for May 18th will be in Palisade at the Veterans Memorial Center. The June meeting will be in Fruita.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

John passed around the sign up sheets for the Walks and Strolls and the Mesa Mall Information Fair coverage. June 12th date has been moved up to June 5th to coincide with National Trails Day. June 4th will be Walk or Bike to work day, City has asked UTC to participate.

Paul asked about name tags. Michele said to get a price break, need to order 25. Currently only have 19 between UTC and Riverfront. Michele will ask at Foundation meeting if they want them, if so, there will be more than 25. Price quoted did not include logo, only name and committee name.

Gerry asked Jody about the new trail maps. She passed around a mock up, all she needs is prices. Terri stated she was confused about the different colored markings on the map legend - any way to make them simpler for the average non map reader?

Gerry asked Birgit if she was planning on continuing on the committee. She said yes.

He asked Terri if she's heard anything from Paula Anderson. Michele filled them in on the Volunteer Trail Host Program and the Police Bike Patrol program. Shawn added that there are currently six officers. He then talked about the police adding the Jarvis Trail and Botanic Gardens as part of their patrol.

John has not heard from radio station 88.1.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Allen Koch with the Town of Palisade did a presentation of trails in Palisade and talked about their future plans and goals.

Scott Harrington with the City of Grand Junction Planning Department talked to the members about the pros and cons of being a review agency and the process a project goes through for approval.

Gerry felt the topic needs further discussion and input.

Shawn mentioned that the Jarvis Trail should be done by the end of May. Police have become involved down there after the recent murder. Most of the transients have left the area. Area really needs to be cleaned up, Parks Department has been approached about cleaning area but doesn't have time nor does the Public Works Dept. Thinking about getting a volunteer group together to help on a weekend - area would be 5th Street, under the railroad bridge and onto the Jarvis property. Bob said the BLM has some fire crews available to do work. Shawn should call Carl if interested. Police will provide patrol when clean up happens to keep transients from causing trouble for crews. Other clubs suggested Boy Scouts, running groups, and bike clubs. UTC members said once a date was decided upon, they would be happy to contact other groups to help.

Shawn spoke about the trail connection in the Seasons subdivision (High Tara Drive back behind hole number 17 and 18 of Tara Golf Course). City wants to provide connections between subdivisions, not necessary trail connections. Originally was to be a street, however, residents said they didn't want street. City relinquished the street in favor of a hike and bike trail. County has now told developer that the trail is not necessary and he has removed it from the current plan. City feels the trail is necessary and making it a condition for approval. Problem being that one lot has had the right of way vacated. Now residents are trying to stop development of any trail.

He then briefed the group on Fountains Green. Developer not willing to give the desirable trail as originally planned. There will be a connection that works so will leave it as is.

Others happening are Redlands and Renaissance which are dealing with canal trails. Problem arose of a 16% grade so trail will be natural surface to discourage roller blading, strollers, etc., will also place signs at top and bottom "Careful Steep Slope".

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Recreation use of the canal banks - Committee is continuing to wait for survey results. Robert spoke with Pat Kennedy and survey is back but he was unable to discuss the results. Planned presentations will be made in a public way agreed upon by both the City and the Canal Companies.

Been working with Shawn to get an appointment with Ken Matchett. Will try to develop a pilot project on his property. Shawn added that trying to meet this Friday at 2:30pm or 3:30pm waiting to hear from Dr. Matchett.

Community Awareness - John covered the Action worksheet. He talked about May 15th Walks and Strolls. He was wondering if the Riverside site is a good place to set up the table, worried there won't be enough for parking. Bob added that there is a parking lot dedicated to the trail. Group said should stay there since trying to get people familiar with other areas of the trail. Reviewed schedule for upcoming events. Michele will talk with Mary at the City about a June 5th dedication ceremony. Really need map to get corrected so can get to telephone book ASAP. Still hasn't heard from the college about video.

Master Plan - Ken worked to get Scott Harrington to tonight's meeting.

Terri met with Jody - very important to see what will happen in next three to four years on plan. Ken Simms is working on map.

Paul had meeting with Gerry and Jamie, have a meeting with Kathleen Sellman to see how they can assist the County. Looking for a County contact to attend meetings. County interested in doing project at Lewis Wash. County Planning has adopted Master Plan - Commissioners do not.

Ken stated the group is still working on defining role. Ken passed around a memo of what the groups goal is. Gerry handed him some ideas.

Public Comment

Bob stated Legacy has requested \$8.8 million. GOCO staff was in town last Friday for a field trip. He is confident will get some money, however, will not get full \$8.8 million.

He also mentioned that Monument Valley Filing 6 is to have a mountain bike trail behind lots five through nine and UTC needs to make sure the trail is built ASAP. Lots six through nine are sold. He is worried that if trail isn't built soon, new owners will fight the trail at a later date.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.