

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
June 8, 1999**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:40pm by Co-Chairman, Jamie Lummis. Those present from the Committee were:

Jamie Lummis	Gerry Tucker
Ken Scissors	Bill Findlay
Robert Traylor	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Bennett Boeschenstein and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Michele reminded everyone that the Riverfront Commission meeting for June 15th will be in Fruita at the Dinosaur Hill parking lot. If the weather is bad, will be at the Fruita City Hall, 101 McCune. The July meeting will be at the Riverfront's new office at the Reed Building.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

John was a little light on coverage for the July 17th Walks and Stroll at Canyon View Park. If anyone can help John out, please contact John. Jamie asked if people are showing up. Gerry and Ken and Gerry and John have spoken about regrouping on this activity. Possibly getting video done and going to schools, community centers and senior centers with presentation to get people familiar with what trails are out there. Robert mentioned getting the police involved with school students and taking them on guided tours of how to get to school safely. Informational fair was good - lots of maps passed out. Shawn suggested hooking up with the activities going on downtown. Talked about

posting a map in the DDA kiosks. Discussed that perhaps the City needs one listing all the parks and trails for visitors.

Talked about contacting several of the biking clubs/organizations to get input from them and see about doing presentation to their groups. Perhaps getting a member from the biking community or bike shop owners to be a member or ex-officio member. Bill suggested going after the schools - PTA's to become involved. Ken said maybe a subcommittee should be set up called "Youth". Jody stated that there was a study done on walking routes to all the schools within the city, haven't been updated for a few years. She would welcome any help she can get to update and get schools and parents input on safe ways for kids to get to/from school.

Jamie suggested the Community Awareness Committee stop the Walks and Strolls and refocus on outreach to the community. Gerry said it should be proposed to the members since they weren't here at the meeting tonight. Jamie and Gerry will talk with John and Birgit.

Jamie reminded the group of what three issues came out of the retreat - to improve the Master Plan and to make sure that it works; get more people aware of what UTC does as a committee so they can help UTC get the Master Plan accomplished; and lastly, to get something done about canal banks. He polled the group to see if everyone would be willing to go out and talk to groups. Everyone said yes.

Shawn suggested having someone sponsor the Walks and Strolls with "give aways or door prizes" to get people out and on the trails. Maybe hold a couple Walks and Strolls per year - make it more of an event.

Gerry went back to Ken's idea of quadrants and maybe getting loops done within a community to show that things are getting done in each area.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Bennett, Planner with the City of Fruita did a presentation of what is going on in Fruita with their trails, proposed trails and the city's goals. He answered numerous questions from members. Jamie and Gerry thanked him for coming to the meeting.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Recreation use of the canal banks - Bill passed around some maps of the Matchett property showing his idea for a trail on the canal banks. Needs some input for UTC members so they can move forward. Will need assistance from Shawn and others to

make it work. Bill wanted to know if they should go forward. Robert investigated ownership issues. BOR has ownership as does City, Mesa County and a couple of private owners. Shawn doesn't want to create too many trails but a few loops to show people what is available (could be available) until the City has completed its Master Plan. Jamie said if the committee could get it done with the help of Shawn, Joe Stevens and Dr. Matchett to go for it. Robert said they may need help talking to the BOR. Jamie suggested they contact Paul Lans the ex-officio with the BOR. Jamie made a motion for the committee to go forward. Gerry second. Motion passed. Jody made comment about parking lots and she sees lots of connections with neighborhoods - not sure if better to disburse traffic rather than concentrate it.

Robert also found out Bill Elsner (who use to be with the BOR) is the Canal Land and Boundary Coordinator for Grand Valley Irrigation, Grand Valley Water Users, Redlands Water and Power and the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District. He is doing research for canal companies of who owns what property along the canals and tracing those different ownership use rights. Robert got the information from Mike Williams at the title company. Jamie asked for a memo from Robert stating this information so he can forward it onto Janet Terry.

Community Awareness - John and Birgit weren't at meeting tonight. Group discussed refocusing committee above.

Master Plan - Still working on committee's goals. Not sure what or if Terri will still be participating since she's on the Planning Commission. Ken thinks should recruit members with issues and goals the same as UTC, perhaps bike shop owner or a representative from a bike club. Discussed changing meeting night. Michele explained that City must advertise (members can recruit individuals to apply). Motion passed to expand by two more members. Michele will contact Stephanie after Jamie and Gerry talk with Terri.

Ken stated that at last month's Riverfront Commission meeting, the Commission recommended that UTC should be in loop with City, however, they don't think UTC should be a review agency. He spoke with Scott Harrington about it and Scott didn't think it would be a problem for UTC to get plans without being on the check off list. Suggestion was made to break valley up into quadrants and assign members to each area, preferably where they live. If not doable, committee will regroup. Proposal made to go for a six month trial. Group agreed. Ken will also talk with Scott for the name of the supervisor of the planners.

Still working on County. Paul and Ken will go out and bike existing bike trails on the new map.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.