

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
July 13, 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	John Paxson
Ken Scissors	Bill Findlay
Robert Traylor	

Also present were Jody Kliska, Bob Cron and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

Robert noted that there was a spelling error - it should be Bill Ellison on page three, second paragraph. Robert motioned to approve the minutes. Ken second. Motion passed.

Announcements

Gerry will be out of town until September.

Jamie noted that the meeting was going to end tonight by 9pm instead of 10:05pm as noted in last months' minutes. UTC will discuss what has happened in the past 30 days.

Opening for three new members - is now four. Paul Teal has resigned because of lack of progress with Mesa County. Michele added that Stephanie Nye with the City will be putting a flyer for Urban Trails Committee Members in the next City utilities billing. Jamie will also be having public announcements made on KAFM.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Ken stated he met Shawn Cooper, Trent Prall and Dave Fletcher out at the trail easement behind Monument Valley off South Camp. It is going to be a very difficult trail section. Trent said he and a group of individuals would put it in. Ken still hasn't heard from him

if it's been done. Michele added that Up with People will be in town the first week of August and they are looking for a trail project. Ken will call Trent.

Ken asked about Trails West - the usable canal trail connection is now being developed, is there an easement between the new homes going in to allow access to the trail? Bob didn't know the answer nor did Jamie. Bob suggested Ken contact Shawn.

Jamie said Redstone Estates off Monument Road and South Camp has paid Mesa County \$38,000 for improvements, however, the County hasn't done any improvements. Jamie has contacted Pete Baier about these improvements. Bob said he attended the County Commissioners meeting where commissioners approved an eight foot trail from Monument Road to Rim Rock Drive (an off street trail). Jamie has started the process of communicating to the County to see what's going on.

Michele has spoken with the DDA about placing the new UTC maps in the downtown kiosks, they said it would be okay. Michele will have them laminated so they can take them out and replace them when needed. Birgit has sent the map into US West and it will be in the next telephone book.

Ken has gotten the maps from Ken Simms that connect Fruita's mater plan with the UTC's master plan.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Recreation use of the canal banks - Bill has spoken with Tim Woodmansee and got a map from him. Bill learned that the Bureau of Reclamation purchased the canal and the canal banks from Ken Matchett several years ago. BOR owns a little bit of land across Indian Wash, the bridge and a bit of land on the west side and then the rest is owned by private landowners. He diagrammed the proposed trail. Bill spoke with Alan Schroeder with the BOR and they would sign off on canal bank trail use if the Canal Companies agree to the pilot project. Jamie asked about the short segment, Bill and Robert were not sure of problems that would arise going near the ditch riders' house. Bob added it was too bad the UTC didn't have the letter from the BOR dated a couple of years ago - need two things before using BOR owned canals 1) sponsor that was going to assume responsibility for the trail; 2) have to have the concurrence of the Canal Companies. Jamie said that the committee had discussed this project as a possibility for a trails grant. Robert said they have also talked about doing a trail along Indian Wash that would go under I-70 and give access to areas north of I-70. Bob suggested that a UTC member contact the BOR administrator and see if he/she would reconsider. Jamie asked if the members were

interested in going for a trails grant - think about over the next 30 days. Bill added that the Indian Wash area has property owned by the County and would make another great trail.

Jamie said that he and Gerry have been approached by the Western Colorado Community Foundation. It is a foundation started 18 months ago to be a philanthropic organization. Their mission is to help the Western Slope with different issues, no specific philosophy. Looking for high profile project. Jamie and Gerry met with executive director, Vern Smith last week. They are looking to provide funds for an outside mediator to come in and address the issue of canal banks with the parties involved. Jamie thinks it would be a good idea once the results of the survey is completed for all to find common ground. Will hear back from Vern in about two weeks. Jamie will contact Bill and Robert once he hears back from Vern.

Community Awareness - John passed around worksheets regarding project status. The professor at Mesa State that was going to do the video has resigned and new professor will take the project over in the fall. The Walks and Strolls has been disappointing. Had good interest at the fair at the mall. Saturday will be downtown for Dinosaur Days with a table. Robert will man the table for first shift and Birgit will do second shift. John and Birgit will target PTA's, Newcomers, Realtors, etc. Jamie has a meeting set up with the Redlands Development Association to offer some ideas for off street path on Hwy. 340. Jamie would like to see Ken attend on July 28th at 8am along with John and Birgit. Jamie has contacted Ron Tipping to see what his thoughts are. John stated that the National Home Builders Association has done a survey for residential communities and the number one amenity was walking and jogging. John has been trying to reach the association for more information. Ken asked if the committee was going to prepare a set presentation that everyone on UTC could do. He believes his sister would be happy to help in the preparation of a script. Suggestion made that everyone start gathering ideas and thoughts for the presentation.

Master Plan - Recruitment is major issue for Ken - he's a committee of one. He has been speaking with bike shop owners. Ken is interested in getting a project going of bike loops with designated names in the four quadrants and is looking to the bike shop owners for input. Bike shop owners are interested in the issues, however, not interested in being on the committee. Would be willing to work on projects. He is currently biking the trails and dictating the conditions and signage issues. Jamie just found out late last week that the Urban Trails Master Plan is being updated on Thursday of this week. UTC will need to send comments as they come up to Keith Fife for changes to the map next time around. Ken talked about the unofficial review agency status of the UTC. UTC will receive new developments that concern UTC issues. Will not be listed as review issue. Kathy Portner receives plans on the last Wednesday of each month, Michele will need to e-mail her (KathyP@ci.grandjct.co.us) on the first Monday of each month to remind her to forward on the information. Jamie has been having more success reaching people using e-mail. County e-mail is first initial plus last name@co.mesa.co.us. Jamie has asked everyone to do a follow up letter after meeting with someone to thank them and to restate what was

discussed. Co-chairs and Master Plan committee members will screen the plans and then pass along to a UTC member that lives near their home. Suggestion made that a checklist be developed so everyone is looking at each project with the same criteria.

Public Comment - Bob mentioned that the Riverfront Commission is looking for input of a name for the new section of Jarvis Trail. Bob added that if UTC meets with Ron Tipping to include one of the Riverfront co-chairs and himself for future opportunities with regard to the Soaring Eagle gravel pit.

Jody stated she has a bicycle magazine that she can get additional copies if UTC is interested. Group said they would like more.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.