

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
August 10, 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
Robert Traylor

John Paxson

Also present were Jody Kliska, Shawn Cooper, Jeff Hofman and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was not present - minutes to be approved at next meeting.

Announcements

Welcomed Jeff Hofman from Mesa County as new ex-officio member.

Jamie reminded everyone that e-mail appears to be the easiest way to communicate with City and County.

Have four vacancies for new members. Members should recruit if they know someone would like to be on the committee. Stephanie Nye, City Clerk has left resume period open until August 31st. Michele will check with Stephanie to see if she has received any responses.

There were no further announcements.

Old Business

Talked about trails grant proposal last month, possibly using the Matchett property for the grant. Jamie and Robert had a meeting today with the Redlands Neighborhood Development Association about an off street path along 340 from where the gravel pit road will be to Safeway. This could be another option. Robert believes the 340 off street path would be ripe - less planning and be more permanent than the trail on the Matchett

property. Michele will contact State Trails about grant cycle and application. Jamie asked everyone to keep thinking about projects.

Jamie will be meeting with the grant committee of Western Colorado Community Foundation on 8/17. Jamie would like Robert or Bill to attend, tentatively scheduled for 2pm.

There was no further old business.

New Business

The meeting with the City and County Planning session of 8/16 has been canceled. Has been tentatively rescheduled for 8/30. The survey consultant will be doing a presentation to all parties involved, City, County, UTC, Canal Companies and interested parties.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Community Awareness - Jamie and John attended Rotary last week and did presentation. Recreational use of canal banks became a “hot button” for everyone there. Jamie talked about how people have to see where the Valley has been and where it’s going in terms of growth and what people want.

John added that all the weekly groups are eager to have speakers. Will develop an outline for future talks. John will contact service clubs for future meetings. The August Walks and Strolls program has been canceled. Hasn’t heard from Birgit, will contact her about the video with Mesa State and get back to members next month.

Master Plan - Ken and Jamie meet to review plans for a new development (River Terrace) across from Deer Park on the north side of 340. The development is approximately 144 acres with 89 homes. They are working on developing a flowchart of how committee members will review the plans and bring comments back to the committee. Jamie asked Jeff questions about the development and what would be appropriate to ask from the developer. Development is outside “urban area” part of the buffer area between Grand Junction and Fruita. Members reviewed plans. Jamie believes it would be good for subdivision to have off street path on one side of the road within the development. Jeff believes that Jamie and Ken could talk with the developer, John Morher. They talked about easements along the wash corridor (that the HOA would provide for public use) and UTC should check with Rich Goecke about the ownership along the wash. Shawn volunteered to check into it also. Comments are due on the 20th.

Jamie said he and Ken will continue to work on a checklist for everyone’s use and that all comments will be reviewed with the UTC before submitting back to the City /County.

Recreation use of the canal banks - Still waiting for the canal bank survey. Bill was going to talk with Shawn and possibly putting together a grant for the Matchett property. Robert put a memo together for WCCF stating that Canal Companies 1) must be willing to mediate (need leverage and incentive) 2) need to make sure people from City with power and knowledge are present at mediation 3) talk to the City before hand to see what kind of incentives they are willing to go to the table with. Robert gave copy of memo to Jamie for his review.

Robert asked about the survey presentation, did Jamie want other people there too? Jamie wants all UTC members there so all members hear the same thing. Believe that interested parties should attend so invite those individuals. Jamie is planning on asking WCCF to attend too.

Public Comment - Shawn stated he did talk with Bill and told him as a Parks Dept. of the City, open and willing to do trails out there. But as far as it being a priority for the City at this time, it's not. Will help and assist but not on the top of list. If money does become available and support the project, then City would move it up the list and assist with it. Not financially able to do now nor would City crews be available. Shawn believes UTC will run into problems until BOR and Canal Companies all agree to put the trail on the canal banks.

Jody said Dan Burdon will be coming to town April 6th - 7th to talk about Walkable Communities. He's been here before and is a very good speaker, everyone should try to attend.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.