

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
245-0045**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
October 12, 1999**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by at 7:30pm by member, Robert Traylor. Those present from the Committee were:

Robert Traylor
Bill Findlay
Ken Scissors

Gerry Tucker
Birgit Bostelman

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Announcements

Jamie and Gerry have received ten resumes for the vacancies. Will be interviewing them next week.

Old Business

Canal bank roadway pilot project lists - can cross off agenda.

Proposal of canal banks use to the City - Jamie has been appointed to the ad hoc committee for canal banks. He meet with Janet Terry and Pat Kennedy and they laid out a couple of things they would like UTC to do. Working on proposal for recreational use of canal bank roadways. They want by the end of the month from the committee a proposal stating why the canal banks should be open, how they should be open and a plan for opening them. Gerry, Bill, Robert and Jamie have been working on getting documents together for the proposal. Jamie passed around a draft for everyone to review later and e-mail comments to Robert as soon as possible. Jamie said that an operational plan has been developed and will be submitted with the document.

Have decided to go from a pilot project to doing the project in phases per the ad hoc committee. Will be using the parameters set by the Urban Trails boundaries of 19 to 32 Roads.

Discussion was had regarding leaving the canal bank roads as they are, but concern was expressed regarding that they would be difficult to use when the weather is wet. Trails would be difficult for use because of mud. Suggestion made to see about crushed gravel on the trails to make them all weather. Shawn suggested a study where you do a five foot width section away from the canal and leave the remainder of the road open for vehicle travel. Jamie said to put the ideas down as comments and get them to Robert for the proposal to the City.

Jamie thanked Gerry, Bill and Robert for their work on the draft.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Jamie said he was asked to look at and comment on a situation occurring off 31 ½ Road. Central High School has a problem with students crossing onto private landowners property to get to Coronado Shopping Center. There is a proposed trail on the Urban Trails Master Plan for that area. After talking with representatives with District 51, County representatives and landowners - Jamie made comments to Mesa County Engineers. Jamie felt the ones with the largest problem is Central High School. They have 1500 students and the cafeteria holds 250 and they have an open campus. Students are encouraged to leave the grounds for lunch. Landowner stated would give Mesa County an easement for five years at \$50,000. Jamie is recommending the County and School District gets an easement there now because the property will eventually be developed into a subdivision.

There was no further new business.

Committee Reports

Community Awareness - Birgit didn't have anything new to update the group on. She doesn't know what was going on with the Mesa State Professor. US Dex was going to contact Jody about the map provided. Jamie will be speaking to the Mesa County Bar Association on October 25th at their lunch. If anyone would like to attend, let Jamie know by next Monday. If anyone knows of a group needing a speaker, please let John, Birgit, Jamie, Gerry or Michele know.

Master Plan - Ken and members reviewed his bike summary of comments attached to the minutes. Ideas and comments were discussed on how to correct problems and make it easier for a rider to use the bike lanes and trails. Signs were mentioned - problems with current signs, solutions to correct them and possibility of new signs to use on the trails

and location. Jody will review Ken's written comments and then get back to Ken with her comments and recommendations.

Ken also spoke about getting permanent signs for the Tour of the Valley routes. Ken sees this as a win-win situation for everyone involved. Shawn thought it would be neat to add routes with signs that spur off the Tour of the Valley routes. Ken will try and get some of the key players of the ride to attend the November meeting. Jamie suggested Ken do a proposal to the players and then bring it back to the committee.

Recreation use of the canal banks - was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Jamie commented that he and Gerry and the Riverfront Commission members will be meeting with the City and County tomorrow morning.

Jamie also asked the group about the retreat. Members felt it was a good idea to have another one and it was decided to hold it after the new members had been to a few meetings, perhaps in the spring.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.