

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
245-0045**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
December 14, 1999**

**Call to Order**

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

Jamie Lummis	John Paxson
Robert Traylor	Diana Cort
Clark Rieves	Robb Reece
John Halverson	Ken Scissors
Bill Findlay	

Also present were guest, Mark Reece and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jamie apologized that he and Gerry were unable to attend last month's minutes.

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

**Announcements**

Jamie introduced guest, Mark Reece - he is with Mesa Monument Striders.

Reminded everyone about the Riverfront Commission meeting/social next Tuesday night at the Pinon Grill at 7:30pm. RSVP to Michele by Friday noon.

Michele informed everyone about the Riverfront Commission's retreat on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information to follow.

Robert asked about Urban Trails retreat. Date set for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 4pm to 8pm at Coors Ceramics.

Jamie also announced that Gerry Tucker will be relinquishing his co-chair position and possibly be leaving the committee to go back to Canada. Jamie needs to talk with him and then will let everyone know once he has talked with Gerry.

There were no further announcements.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Robert commented about Shawn bringing up a trail along the railroad tracks to Fruita at last meeting. Bob had suggested that the group take the idea to the Riverfront Commission and the City of Fruita to see if they are interested in doing a study and possibly going for grant funding. There will need to be work done - possibly discuss further at retreat.

There was no further new business.

## **Committee Reports**

Jamie gave a brief history to the new members of what the committees are and what each committee is trying to accomplish. He asked the new members to think about what committee they would like to participate on. Jamie would like to see three members on the Master Plan Committee, possibly four on the Master Plan and at least one on the Community Awareness. Canal banks is pretty much working well with the two current members. There will be a problem when one of the members is elevated to co-chair, it will leave an opening on one of the committees. Further talked about how to reach the public and get the public involved.

Community Awareness - John stated that his committee would love to have another member on their committee. He and Birgit are having a hard time getting things done with just the two of them. John has been gone so much hasn't had time to get things done recently. Still trying to schedule speaking engagements. Will be contacting the professor of Mesa State tomorrow night to start the process on getting the video done. Jamie suggested that John find out from the professor how much guidance does UTC need to give, what it takes, and what the scope of the project is and then he, John and Birgit get together to discuss what is needed to get the project done. If can't wait until retreat will e-mail everyone to get input. Mark asked if he could schedule John or Jamie for their February meeting, Jamie said that would be fine. Mark will get back to them with the particulars.

Master Plan - Jamie asked Michele to get copies of the Master Plan to the new members. Briefed the group on the replacement for Jeff Hofman with the County, new person is Linda Dannenberger. Other thing working on was permanent signage for the Tour of the Valley, consensus was it didn't make sense to have permanent signage for one event, however, Carl White with the County said that East Orchard Mesa is a designated Bike Route. Carl told ken he would be getting signs up soon. He will not be using the Colorado Bikeway signs instead he will be using the universal biking sign - he believes that they are easier for bike riders to understand and for motorists to see. Looking at a connection from East Orchard Mesa to Corn Lake with a permanent kiosks with routes highlighted. Will need to contact State Parks to see if they are planning on doing

anything on 32 Road. Ken will drive the route and check out Carl's signs and make recommendations and comments after he has checked it out. He's still trying to get Martha Roskowski to possibly make it to the retreat as a keynote speaker. She is really into looking out bike facilities for kids. Everyone agreed good topic for discussion at retreat. Ken also appreciates Jamie asking for other members on his committee.

Recreation use of the canal banks - Robert talked about the proposal from Redlands Water and Power Company. Proposal has been discussed with the City of Grand Junction, staff and one member of City Council. Comments were made to Redlands proposal. Had a meeting with the Redlands group because the City and UTC wanted some clarification on issues that Redlands raised. Robert believes everyone understood each other at the meeting. Robert said all board members seemed to be respectful to the idea. Bob McCormick with Redlands Water & Power said several members were initially against it, the objective of the proposal is for them to adopt a policy that states they won't stand in the way of recreational use of canal banks on the Redlands Water and Power canal if the proposing entity (the City of Grand Junction) can persuade the landowners who own the land underlying their (RW&P) easements to approve of the recreational use of canal banks. Robert felt it was a good meeting. Because of Redlands proposals things are moving much faster and in a different direction than the committee thought it would. It will probably become the template for working with other canal companies once everything has been working out. Robert is working on getting a list of identified landowners along the Redlands canal to get agreements to allow the committee to move forward.

Jamie scheduled an orientation meeting for new members on Friday, January 7, 2000. It will be a brown bag lunch (12noon - 1:00 pm) at the Riverfront office conference room.

**Public Comment** - Mark Reece suggested that perhaps something could be put in their newsletter for Community Awareness and have a UTC member speak to his group. He and John will get together after the meeting to work out the details.

Bill commented that individuals could ride miles of miles of trails and people don't know how or who built the trails they are on. He has spoken with Joe Stevens about getting common signage to put up on the trails. Shawn told Bill that they would like to put up kiosks on the canal banks to inform the public. Jody Kliska at one point in time said they could put the UTC logo on the existing signs. Ken said he will talk to Jody about it. Talked about possibly writing a grant for signage and kiosks. Ken asked Bill to talk with the Riverfront Commission about funding. Talked about sponsoring sections of canal bank trails with signs stating who is sponsoring that section for the purpose of self policing and alleviate landowners fears.

There was no further public comment.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.