

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes**  
**May 8, 2012**

**Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Julie Sabin. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Keith Dickerson	Jennifer Moore
Biz Collins	Joceylyn Mullen	

Also present were Jody Kliska with the City of Grand Junction, Kathy Portner with the City of Grand Junction, Wendy Weinberg with Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Jocelyn/Biz. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Jocelyn to attend RFC 5/16 meeting.

Jocelyn, Jennifer, Julie and Doug's terms are up. Doug and Jocelyn will not be re-upping.

**Old Business** – UTC Master Trail Plan Update – Julie reminded everyone of what has happened with the map in the past. Julie, Jody, and Kathy attended a meeting in Glenwood and are thinking about hosting a Bicycle Summit to pull a large group of people to participate from the health community, chamber of commerce and economic development partnership. Want to build community support for the revised plan and trails. Riverfront and Urban Trails should be the ones to take the revised map to the City Council rather than City staff. Julie said she thinks that Colorado Bike Summit would be willing to help with speakers. Suggestion made to see if someone with Michelle Obama's Initiative willing to participate.

Jocelyn asked how much and when does bigger, better determine enough from a broad base? She really wants to see the map move forward rather than trying to get everyone on board.

Kathy likes Jody's suggestion to have Summit rather than the open houses. Julie suggested getting a committee working on organizing. Pitkin, Garfield and Summit County put on the Summit in Glenwood Springs. Need to determine the audience - tourism, Chambers of Commerce, health community, economic development, governmental entities.

Committee would include the interested members for UTC, the City, the County, CMU and Dave Grossman. Biz asked timeframe – perhaps this fall. Before next UTC meeting: need to determine group(s) to target, date and location. Discussed piggybacking on Tour of the Moon and doing something from noon – 4:00pm on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bike to Work – Kathy said the City is on board to help with Bike to Work Day. Looking at having a competition between the City and County (perhaps making it a week long event). Suggested at having two locations since not everyone works downtown - Horizon Improvement District would probably want to participate. Still have two locations – downtown Courthouse and City building and someplace along Horizon. Discussed having organizations and businesses putting teams together to compete. Having a matrix on-line but would need someone to enter data and choose winning team. Give list to CDOT since they have large budget – Jennifer will contact CDOT. Jennifer thought it would be best to have organizers work on the day of event and then have organizers work on the competition part and then someone to work on the outreach. Group will meet again on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.

Trail signage – Nothing new to report.

Grand Valley Bikes – Safe Routes to School – tomorrow is National Walk/Bike to School. There were 101 kids the first day and 171 kids today at Rocky Mountain Elementary School. Giving away a scooter on Friday. The teachers are embracing the program. Can't wait to see the new schools involved next year. Great turn outs at the bike rodeos.

Three Sisters – Down to \$45,000 before Saturday's event and rumor has that they raised \$7,000 at the event. Hoping to close on the 15<sup>th</sup> but has been pushed back a few days not because of funding but because of the City's land trade.

Riverfront – IGA float first Friday in June. Have Concert Series dates but Michele forgot to bring them. Small turnout for Saturday's event.

There was no further old business.

#### **New Business –**

Wendy talked about the downtown criterion and the number of people that showed up from out of town.

Biz updated the group on the bike sharing program. Best partnerships were between municipalities and non-profits working collaboratively. Jody said that GVT currently has the connections and funding that tie into the bike sharing program. Jody and Kathy thought perhaps one downtown, one out at Horizon and ?. Would start with a feasibility study. Jody thinks with the feasibility study that the funding would be available.

Keith talks about the presentation he attended on getting the community involved.

Need to recruit members for UTC and Julie would like take the membership up to nine members. Someone asked why RFC and UTC aren't just one group.

**Public Comment** – There was no public present.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.