

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Riverfront Commission (RFC)**

**Minutes  
February 19, 2013**

**Called to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair Katie Steele. Those present from the Commission were:

Katie Steele	Ken Henry	Stacy Beaugh
Brad Taylor	Frank Watt	Karen Jefferson
Jason Bailey	Cliff Sprinkle	

Also present were Bob Noble, candidate for City of Council, Bennett Boeschstein, Grand Junction City Council, Al Pfister, Partner Coordinator, Phyllis Norris candidate for City Council Marty Chazen, candidate for City Council, George Manning - public, John Hodge - public, Mike Vendagna with the City of Grand Park Department and Michele Rohrbach.

Brad made correction stating it's the Copper not Cooper Triangle

**Approval** – Jason/Brad. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – IGA meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am at BLM office.  
Volunteer luncheon tomorrow.  
Walking and Biking Trail Summit on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Workshop on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Palisade Fire Station.  
Social that evening at Bookcliff County Club at 6:30pm.

**New Business** –

Maps – Katie explained what John Hodge will be doing for the Riverfront with new maps for the website and for the RFC to print. John stated his maps are currently aimed to bicyclists and George's Tomorrow Hill Farm website is more for pedestrians so it will take a little more work to get them into sections and an overview. John wants to make it so that County GIS or a student at Colorado Mesa would be able to go in an update in the future. George suggested having a mobile version too.

Las Colonias Update – Bennett said there is money in the budget this year to revise the Master Plan for the park. Mike suggested that Traci Wieland with the City Parks Department attend and give a presentation of the park plan.

There was further new business.

**Old Business** –

Strategic Planning/Education – Brad said he has nothing new to report on the Education and probably won't until later in the year. He explained to the guests in the room how the RFC has

done their retreats in the past and that the group is going to have a workshop for the members of RFC, RFF and UTC to readdress where the group has been and where the group will be going in the future.

Safety and Signage – Frank said nothing new to add. Working on getting signage on trail.

Government Relations – Jason said nothing to report.

History – Ken has met with the new director and the museum and he is very interested in adding more oral history to their library.

Media Relations/Outreach – Working to get the maps updated on the website. Reviewing all contact and looking to make it more readable. Will be meeting with Cobb & Associates on March 12<sup>th</sup> to go over comments and work on getting Facebook page up and going. Katie stated she and Donna Ross with Mesa County will be giving a presentation at Colorado Mesa University, March 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Stacy gave more info on what the event is and the partners involved.

### **Updates:**

Mesa County – Phase II Fruita Welcome Center to 18 12 has all dates set with construction to start in May and completion in September. Phase III has dates set and hopes to have trail completed in February, 2014.

City of Grand Junction – Mike said the City is working on Las Colonias and clean up is taking place on Watson Island. Will be repairing and replacing the concrete trail and the decking on the bridge will be replaced. Rebuilding the trail that was washed out doing the high run off a couple years ago. Hoping to repair the trail that has heaved up by Bananas if the money lasts that long. In 2010 did an inventory assessment of all the parks and have done the same thing for all sections of the Riverfront trail and urban trails and rating the needs and will be finalizing the report soon. Bennett added that the City's Greater Downtown Plan is about to be adopted in March and it includes the Riverfront trail.

City of Fruita – Bob Fuller was unable to attend. Ken said they've made some progress with the bore hole under the railroad. Katie stated that the Riverfront Foundation (RFF) has stepped up to help with the cost.

Town of Palisade – Making progress on the bank abutment. Planted almost 2,000 willows last week and will be planting grass mix and cottonwood soon. Frank said will have to go back and repair the trail because of this work. Had a disc golf event while work was going on and a successful Ice Bowl. Will be making comments on the BLM's Resource Management Plan. Ken said that there are going to be closing off about 2,600 miles of trails. He is very concerned about those with disabilities not being able to use the trails.

Bennett said he has taken to two cinematographers that are interested in doing video. Greg Mikaloi and ?. Katie asked what this would entail. Karen asked if it could be discussed at the workshop.

KAFM – Walking & Biking Trails Summit will be on the program next week.

**Committee Reports:**

UTC – Encouraged everyone to attend the Walking & Biking Trail Summit. Michele added that Mesa County Library has asked UTC and RFC to participate in the Earth Day program on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ken gave some history of the work with CDOT and then the program at the museum on the Old Spanish Trail next week. Bennett said that the museum will also be hosting a candidate forum for city council candidates.

Partners – Al had nothing to report.

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

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.