

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
March 12, 2013**

Called to Order

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

Julie Sabin	Biz Collins	Dave Grossman
Ben Blom	Keith Dickerson	

Also present were Jody Kliska with the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Dave. Motion passed.

Announcements – Biz to attend RFC meeting on 3/12 at 5:30pm.

RFC workshop – April 6th in Palisade, 8:00 to 3:00pm.

Social at the Bookcliff Country Club at 6:30pm

Earth Day at Mesa County Library – UTC and Mesa Land Trust will also participate (6:30pm to 8:00pm to talk about alternative transportation)

New Riverfront maps - Michele asked everyone to take a look at the new maps on the RFC website and get back with comments.

Outdoor Heritage Day – Riverbend Park on Saturday, April 27th – UTC unable to participate.

Old Business –

Development Review – Craig was unable to attend. Will see if he will be able to attend next month.

Walking and Biking Summit – one of the better accomplishments for UTC. The event was very well attended and most found it to be very informative. Dan Burden was great and had some great ideas, especially with regard to canal issues. Most of his ideas have been tried and have failed but he had a few other ideas to try. Will be working on getting report completed and on the website and out to the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Town of Palisade and City of Fruita. Had good media coverage.

Group asked Keith what he thought – Keith said he thought was good but said there was some confusion about trails and what trails actually means. Dan suggested renaming the group to the Active Transportation group. This moved the group onto what the goal and mission of UTC would like to present at the RFC workshop. Discussed the group merging with the County Health Department's build environment group. Group discussed pros and cons. Group is concerned with the fact that they would no longer be able to speak out on particular issues if aligned with County/City.

Share the Road Task Force – Banners are ready and available to use for events. Biz will call Cynthia Purdy to see if can use on the April 6th event.

There was no further old business.

New Business –

Bill Taylor with Mesa County showed the group what is proposed for the 38 Road hill project to help with safety issues.

Tonight is Ben's last meeting. He has accepted a position in Northern California with the BLM. He will leave in mid-April. Thanked him for his time. Group is sorry to see him leave but thrilled for him and his new position.

Public Comment – There was no public.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.