

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes – July 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair, Gary Stubler at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Present: Gary Stubler, Devon Balet, David Lehmann, Sarah Johnson, Steve Meyer

Not Present: Dr. Kristin Heumann, Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner, City Community Development, Orin Zyvan, Shana Wade, Paul Jagim, City Transportation Engineer

Also Present: Andy Gingerich, RTPo, Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront staff

Announcements

- Colorado Riverfront Concert Series last concert is Thursday night, July 11th
- Mesa County has hired a Trail Coordinator, Ross Mittleman to start July 26

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of the June 11, 2019 Minutes

Action Taken: David approved, Gary second. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2045 Transportation Plan. Due to traffic lights being out on North Avenue, Paul and Trent were unable to attend. Andy said that RTPo is in the early phases of the Plan, retaining a consultant and working on a public outreach plan that will provide opportunities for the UTC to participate. The federal government requires that the plan be completed by December of this year. Plans are done every five years and 2040 was completed in 2014.

Andy also summarized the role of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Office does and the local government entities that are involved. He also identified other offices within the RTPo building. He talked about scenario planning that is more imaginary and more of an alternative thinking such as electric and self-driving cars.

Bike Friendly and Walk Friendly Community Designations Action Items

Action Item: UTC members to look over the list and see what type of actions can be taken per the recommendations list. Gary will take up the policy section. Devon to look into the University application. Sarah will look into the AARP designation. David will look into the bike rack policy and design and ask the City Planning for a “code amendment”. Still need someone to work on the Education and Police.

Gary had reviewed the 2015 application along with the corresponding 2018. There are 10 Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community:

- High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities
- Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage

- Bicycle Education in Schools
- Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling
- Bike Month and Bike to Work Events
- Active Bicycle Advocacy Group
- Active Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Bicycle-Friendly Laws and Ordinances
- Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented
- Bike Program Staff to Population

The need for a full time staff person was identified on both application reviews and has been completed with the County hiring a Trail Coordinator.

Education is another important piece of the designations. The committee discussed ideas for getting people interested in the Train the Trainer classes and seeing if the community has enough to have training in Grand Junction rather than having to travel to Glenwood.

The Committee discussed helping businesses apply for a designation by reviewing the application to see what is needed and then subcommittee offering to help with the process. Also discussed having Mesa County Public Health interns to help do inventory and see what things businesses are currently doing that are part of the application.

Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Canal Trails. The Committee Discussed Max's exit interview with Gary and there were four suggested trails that Max felt comfortable with considering. The project that rose to the top was located near 29 Road and B-1/2 Road. Gary will get another packet at to everyone for review.

UPDATES

MadetoMove Application – was submitted and will hear back at the end of this month.

Michele stated she had identified another local grant opportunity she wanted to apply for more funding for way finding but found the project did not fit the grant criteria. Sarah added that Shana applied for and received an AARP grant for the Library.

Community Streets Event – Action - Meeting tomorrow at 11:00am at City Hall

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

David reported that Yuellin Willett is trying to set up another meeting with Ray Scott similar to the last meeting sometime in the fall. David also mentioned that the damaged section of trail has been fenced off.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.