

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes – May 14, 2019

Present: Orin Zyvan, Gary Stubler, Steve Meyer, Shana Wade, Devon Blaet, David Lehmann, Sarah Johnson

Not Present: Dr. Kristin Heumann

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner, City Community Development, Paul Jagim, City of Grand Junction, Libby Collins, Colorado West Land Trust, Mat Lucero, Andy Gingrich with RTPO

The meeting was called to order by Orin Zyvan at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Announcements – Sharrows have been painted on Main Street. 7th and Main is done and West Main and Struthers will be done later this week.

Tomorrow at 3:00 pm is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lunch Loop Trail Connector.

Thank you note from Kathy Portner was passed around.

Bicycle driving class at the Mesa County Library, Tuesday, May 21st 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Gathering at Rock Slide to follow. Bring lights. Capacity set at 60.

Devon delivered books from his Bike to Ride event.

Bike movies are being shown at the Avalon on Thursday night.

The Grand Junction Off Road event still needs volunteers this week.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019

Sarah commented that Devon's last name was misspelled. David motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Gary seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

2. Community Streets Event – October 19th

Action: Marketing Committee to send schedule availability. First meeting early June.

Committee Devon, Kristin, Sarah and Michele.

Orin asked if there are any changes to the event that committee members wanted to implement. Comments from last year are on the Google Drive.

3. Signage/Wayfinding Program

Action: Paul has implemented signs on the Riverfront Trail. Prepare application for Unilever's Degree Deodorant and Blue Zones – Made to Move grant, due May 31st. Use as template for other grants. Want to include Palisade, Mesa County and City of Fruita in the process. Scheduled meeting for Thursday, May 23rd at 10 am in UTC meeting room at City Hall. Will request letters of support from Urban Trails Committee, Colorado West Land Trust, City of Fruita, Palisade, Mesa County, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, One Riverfront.

Signs on the Riverfront Trail are different than the signs Paul is doing are for Bike Routes which are different in look and feel than Riverfront signs. Paul stated signs will be installed next week where bike routes intersect with the Riverfront Trail.

Orin and Gary have met with City of Fruita and Rondo with One Riverfront about their signage. He has also spoken with Rondo and Laney with One Riverfront (ORF) and ORF is on board with the signage similar to Fruita's. Projected cost \$80,000.

4. OMID Trails – Potential Pilot Projects

Action: Orin proposed Increase Urban Development subcommittee work on the project. Gary will send out list of proposed ideas for review to discuss at next meeting.

Gary met with Max last month to see status of project. Max told Gary there are two other Orchard Mesa districts that would talk with UTC.

5. Walk Friendly Community Designation

Action: Need to address the areas listed in the report card. Kristen said working to get a dedicated position was emphasized on both the walk friendly and bike friendly report cards. This request may be presented to the City during next budget cycle. UTC members to review report card before next meeting and will discuss at next meeting.

City of Grand Junction did not receive any kind of designation. Report was attached to agenda/minute packet sent out to UTC.

Updates

6. Development Projects

Andy said he received a project this morning out by the Airport along the Highline Canal.

Citizen Requests for Improvements

There were no citizen requests for improvements reported.

Other Business/Public Comment

City Council recommended funding the UTC's top four priorities for the CDBG funds – Accessibility Improvements; B Road/Mesa View Elementary; B-1/2 and 27-1/2 Road intersection and Lila Lane near West Middle School.

Proposed improvements at the Grand Avenue and 2nd Street intersection was not recommended for funding. This project could be concurrent with I-70 redesign.

Action: Would like to have a Council member assigned to UTC. Paul will talk with Trent and Kristen will talk with Tamera.

Orin asked how UTC could have more interaction with the City Manager and City Council since we are an advisory committee.

Andy asked about his role since he replaced Biz Collins and is now working for RTPO. Per the Bylaws, Mesa County Health and RTPO would be appointed by City Council.

Steve said a letter was drafted to CPW regarding the fee implantation for Connected Lakes

There were no further comments from the public.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.