

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes April 9, 2019

#### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair, Orin Zyvan. Those present from the Committee were:

Orin Zyvan, Chair  
Shana Wade  
Sarah Johnson

Gary Stubler, Vice-chair  
Devon Blat  
Steve Meyer

Dr. Kristin Heumann  
David Lehmann

Also present Kathy Portner, Andy Gingrich, Paul Jagim - City of Grand Junction, Bennett Boeschentien, Mayor Pro Tem City of Grand Junction, and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcement** – This was Kathy’s last meeting before her retirement in May. UTC thanked her for her service. Andy had accepted a job with the RTPO, but hopes to join UTC as the RTPO representative. Kristen Ashbeck was introduced as the City staff who will be taking over the UTC duties.

UTC business cards were distributed to the Committee.

The wayfinding committee is working with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District to implement the maroon route from Horizon Drive to downtown and the Riverfront.

**Approval of Minutes** – Consideration of the March 12, 2019 Minutes.

Motion: Shana/Kristin. Motion was approved.

**New Mobility West Letter of Support** – Motion: Shana/Kristin to approve the draft letter of support for the New Mobility West concept for I-70B. Motion passed unanimously.

**Colorado Parks and Wildlife/Bicycle Colorado Meeting Update** – Orin and David attended a meeting sponsored by Bicycle Colorado to discuss Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s recent change to collect entry fee for bicyclists and pedestrians entering the State Parks via the riverfront trail system. Discussion centered on CPW’s funding needs, consideration of a bike/ped pass, and a request to reconsider the Connected Lakes Policy to not allow pass through traffic without paying a fee. Steve, David and Gary offered to draft a letter to City Council with UTC concerns.

**Standing Committees** – Gary explained the concept of creating standing committees as the next evolution of the subcommittees UTC has been using. The proposed committees and 2019 to-do-lists are as follows:

- Increase UT Development—Devon, Gary, Orin, Steve

- Maintain a prioritized list of on and off-street connectivity opportunities and trail improvements
- Grand Ave/9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> design
- I-70B Proposed Improvements
- Potential Trails on Orchard Mesa Irrigation Ditches
- Complete Streets Policy Implementation and oversight
- Increase UT Programming and Promotion—Devon Kristin, Sarah, Shana
  - Bike to Work/School Month Activities
  - Community Streets Event
  - Bike Friendly GJ Designation
  - Pedestrian Friendly GJ Designation
  - Old Spanish Trail Presentation
- Increase UT Participation—David Gary, Orin, Steve
  - Wayfinding Policy and Implementation
  - System for determining UT participant counts
  - Bike and Pedestrian safety partnership with Parks and Rec
  - Tour of the Moon Byway Safety Assessment
  - Safety stop legislation

Motion: Kristin/Gary made a motion to move forward with the standing committees. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Updates:**

- Bike Month: A summary of bike month activities was provided and bike shirt orders taken.
- Bike/Ped Counts: The official count will be done in September. Paul will work with his intern to do some sporadic counts in May.
- Sarah reported that Mesa County Public Health will be adding a trail coordinator position.
- CDBG: the results of UTC prioritization of SRTS and safety improvement projects are as follows:
  - 1. ADA Accessibility improvements
  - 2. Traffic signal bike detection enhancements
  - 3. B Road near Mesa View Elementary
  - 4. 27 ½ Road and B ½ Road intersection and curb ramp improvements
  - 5. Lorey Drive from Westlake Park to 1<sup>st</sup> Street
  - 6. Struthers Ave. from S. 7<sup>th</sup> to Riverfront trailhead
  - 7. W. Orchard Ave. near West Middle School and Westlake Park
  - 8. 29 Road near Independence Academy
  - 9. Grand Ave. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. median refuge and curb ramps
- Monument Road trail and Orchard Avenue improvements have approved contracts for work to begin.

**Other business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment:** UTC was reminded of the public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan at Two Rivers Convention Center immediately following the meeting.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 6:20 pm