

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes February 12, 2019

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair, Orin Zyvan. Those present from the Committee were:

Orin Zyvan, Chair
Devon Blat
Sarah Johnson

Dr. Kristin Heumann
David Lehmann
Steve Meyer

Shana Wade
Gary Stubler

Also present Kathy Portner, Andy Gingrich, Paul Jagim - City of Grand Junction, Libby Collins, Colorado West Land Trust, Mathew Lucero and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement –

Steve Meyer was introduced as the newly appointed member to UTC.

Biz will be moving to Flagstaff for a new job and there is a going away party for her tonight.

Orin introduced Libby with Colorado West Land Trust.

CPW's fee for use of the Riverfront Trail through the State Parks was explained. If a walker or rider stays on the trail, there will be no fee charged. A fee is required if any of the facilities are used. Connected Lakes is the exception and will require a fee no matter what.

Approval of Minutes –

Goal 1, #4-- correct the number of street sweepers

Page 3, # 3 – correction: map is already on the website

Page 3, Goal 2, #1—typo “participate; Goal 3, #1 – typo “pursue”

Goal 3 # 4 – Kristen said to it into Goal 3 #5

Motion: Kristin/Shana. Motion was passed with corrections.

2018 Accomplishments/2019 Action Plan-continued

Discussion continued on the 2019 Action Plan.

America Walks Project--CMU – Kristin provided background on the grant funded project CMU is working on. Orin suggested broadening the item to include Building cooperation and communication with CMU and enhancing bike and ped connections through and around campus.

Peoples for Bikes: Devon will do more research to see if it's something UTC should apply for.

OMID buried ditches/trails – Need to identify a couple of sections as pilot project.

Bike and pedestrian safety partnership with GJ Parks and Rec – There was a suggestion to modify this to host a Bicycle Colorado Training in Grand Junction. Shana suggested doing it during Bike Month and hosting it at the Library.

Coordination with CMU on cross campus multimodal corridors – Combine with America Walks item.

Signage/Wayfinding standards and pilot project – implement pilot project on one or two routes.

Bicycle Friendly Community recommendations follow-up:

- Target some of the businesses that have participated in Bike to Month – St. Mary's, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, to get a Bicycle Friendly Business designation.
- City should improve the code for bicycle parking, design and location.
- Host a Bicycle Colorado training.
- The group discussed the need to have a staff member specifically focused on bike and pedestrian issues. The position could also focus on Safe Routes to School and Healthy Communities. Suggest coming up with a job description for future budget consideration.
- It was suggested to develop a work plan to achieve the next level of Bicycle Friendly Community designation. It should also look at the community benefits of a higher designation.

Safe Routes to School maps – publish maps and fill in any gaps

Wayfinding – already discussed

Increase mode share of walk/bike/transit for student – consider a SRTS grant to do follow up monitoring.

Provide input and recommendations on implementing the Complete Streets policy

Participate in the 2045 Transportation Plan

Develop and Pedestrian Bicycle Plan--future

New Mobility West Study

Tabled to next meeting.

Updates:

- **Walk Friendly Community application**
- **UTC shifting from special committee to standing committee organization**
- **Development Projects**

- **Citizen Requests for Improvements**

Tabled to next meeting.

Other business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment –

The DDA is conducting a downtown walking/biking audit on February 26th from 3:30 – 5:30pm for the Plan of Development and has invited UTC to participate.

Items for the March agenda:

- Safe Routes to School CDBG
- New Mobility West
- Impact Fee Letter

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:05pm