

Urban Trails Committee
Minutes – September 10, 2019

Present: Orin Zyvan, David Lehmann, Sarah Johnson, Shana Wade, Dr. Kristin Heumann

Not Present: Devon Balet, Gary Stubler, Steve Meyer, Andy Gingrich, Kristen Ashbeck

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Chris Dorboski, City of Grand Junction GIS, Paul Jagim, City of Grand Junction, Ross Mittelman, Mesa County Public Health Trails Coordinator; Chuck McDaniel, Board Member with the Colorado West Land Trust and Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff

Orin Zyvan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Announcements – Bicycle Colorado – Sarah passed out posters for trainer classes.

Wayfinding Project – Orin stated there is another pot of funds that Trent and Paul thought would be a good grant opportunity. Looking into cash match and researching if time spent could be used as part of match. Michele told Orin he could approach the Riverfront Foundation for cash match. Vara will ask her board for \$20,000 during their budget meeting.

David passed around a sign up sheet for Bike/Ped counts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of August 13, 2019 minutes

David stated the “?” on second page should be 10th Street.

Action: Kristin motioned to approve the minutes as edited. David seconded.

Discussion Items

Concept Plan for Proposed Development – Lance showed map on the McGregor development and discussed the proposed plan. Developer has stated would like to incorporate the social network trails already on property. Discussed trail users parking on cul-de-sacs and negative feelings created with owners. Lance asked if should be paved or kept dirt. Sarah asked how the developer is going to market the project. Multiple opportunities for public to give input along the way. Group likes the proposed three trailheads. Need neighborhood connectivity and need to decide if want commuting trails. Kristin said they need to make sure if someone lives in pod A that they can get to pod C easily. Chuck said the Land Trust is interested in this project and UTC should be included in discussion. Sarah stated a trailhead at Easter Hill might do away with concerns later.

City of Grand Junction Multimodal Position – UTC needs to work hand in hand with the City staff since many people within the City are currently doing the work that this position would do.

Ideas for what position would encompass

- Look at other communities
- Conversations with Ross and trails committee

Group is to look at survey and fill out. Orin will put on Google Drive, email link and everyone is to put his or her comments on the drive doc.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) – Letter Concerning Connected Lakes Trail
Orin updated on letter Greg Caton, City Manager for Grand Junction wrote to CPW. Subcommittee is still working on a letter to CPW stating that the Connected Lakes Trail is important since it leads to other trails within the trail network. Kristin stated that the UTC letter should state something different from what Greg's letter stated. Advocating for the connection, nothing about the fees or policy, unique trail and situation in this area. She thinks the City should have their lobbying group contact state representatives.

Amendment to City Code for Bike Parking Installations – One of the categories on Bike Friendly designation and area that the City of Grand Junction is lacking. Paul stated good time to draft a plan since the City is revising their codes. He suggested taking the recommendation from the Bicycle Friendly to look at Bike Parking organizations documents.

Updates

Community Streets Event – Information/Materials for Table / Volunteer Sign-Up
Lance passed around sign up sheet for volunteers. David has reward cards from coffee shops for bike/ped counts volunteers and can use leftovers for Community Streets Event.

Citizens Requests for Improvements – Orin submitted several recommendations last Friday.

Other Business/Public Comment – There was no other business/public comment.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.