

Urban Trails Committee
Minutes – December 11, 2019

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

Not Present: Devon Balet, Steve Meyer

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Kristen Ashbeck, Community Developer for the City of Grand Junction, Chuck McDaniels – City Council member, Tamara Allen, Community Developer Director for the City of Grand Junction, Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction Engineer, Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff – David Thornton, (need title), Greg Canton – City Manager for Grand Junction, Chris Dombkowski – City of Grand Junction GIS, and Eli Jarning with JR Engineering

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

Announcements – There was no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of November 12, 2019 minutes

Page 3, Gary stated what was typed was incorrect – it was to say

Page 3, Orin expressed concern for project should read projects.

Correction - Other business, should read tune instead of turn.

Action: Andy motioned to approve the minutes with corrections mentioned above. Kristin seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion Items – Eli Jarning, consultant with JR Engineering, works on the Comp Plan. He had two maps on the table for members to review and explained what he and the City are working towards with the maps and the plan revision. He asked about the UTC tier projects and what is funded on the list.

Talked about how the projects were prioritized, getting kids to schools safely and the major connections for bicycles and pedestrians, north/south and east/west corridors.

Shana stated Orchard needs work and Kristin stated North Avenue has issues.

Eli talked about installing directional curb ramps, painted green bike lanes and other intersection revamping. Each intersection will need something different in order to make them work for pedestrians and cyclists.

Trent stated the new intersections on 24 Road will have bike lanes. Kristin asked if G Road is intended as connecting. Trent said long term, yes.

Orin asked about a map showing population density. Andy said he could put something together.

Kristin added 12th is another issue and recommended meeting with CMU. Orin said connection to/from and through CMU is a problem.

David stated there are several neighborhood routes that aren't marked on any maps where City has right of way.

Lance stated neighborhood parks and access to public lands and trailheads are important too.

Orin would like to see guiding policy in the plan would be useful as larger development happen.

Orchard Avenue will be completed next spring. Orin stated due to time it would be wise to get Eli a revised priority list instead of spending time going over it tonight. Kristin wanted to make sure nothing was missed on the list. Will coordinate with Trent to Eli and updated listed.

Orin expressed how to go about applying Complete Streets Policy. Eli said they can identify streets that would be good candidates. David stated canals were showed on Eli's maps and asked if they would be part of the Comp Plan. David talked about the four segments identified that are not identified on his map.

Tamra reminded everyone that this process is not getting down to the fine print of the trails but more about pilot projects.

Tamra asked about problematic items that UTC think needs more explanation in the plan please let her know sooner rather than later.

Kristin mention 2nd Street is important since work being considered now. Andy said it would have the highest impact.

Comments to be sent to Dave.

Summary of Chair Meetings with Community Development and Public Works – Gary, Orin, Lance, Trent and Tamra met about three weeks ago and decided how to store hard copy documents. Lance stated the City acts on opportunities so having the documents are worth the time to keep them up to date.

Gary thanked Lance for stepping up and taking over since Kathy left. Tamra thanked Orin and Gary for taking the time to meet with her, Trent and Lance. Kristen will be in the background for the next few months.

Review of Year's Accomplishments – Lance stated one of the best ways for UTC to communicate to City Council is to provide an Annual Report. One was not completed in 2018 but Gary is working on one for 2019 (will email out list and group is to review and get any additions to Lance). Would review at January meeting so can approve and then document can be presented to City Council in February. Will also discuss road map of agenda items for 2020 meetings. Will also need to have discussion on subcommittees.

Update

Dios Rios Grant Letters – City has invited UTC to submit a letter of support for this project. Lance passed around a draft letter for two difference grants, one goes to CDOT – TAP grant, MMOF grant goes to Regional Transportation Office (need who it goes to). \$3.5 million would about \$.5 million for match and hope to use other grants for cash match. Greg said it is an approved project in the capital plan. Shana moved to write two letters. Sarah second. David and Andy abstain. Motion was carried.

Technical Resources – Drive Documents and Possible Workshop – Tabled until next month.

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

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.