

**Urban Trails Committee**  
Minutes – January 8, 2020

Present: Orin Zyvan, David Lehmann, Shana Wade, Dr. Kristin Heumann, Andy Gingerich, Steve Meyer, Gary Stubler, Sarah Johnson, Devon Balet

Not Present:

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction Engineer, Lloyd Chittenden, public and Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff

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

**Announcements** – Orin stated that CDOT received funding for the I-70 Business Loop/First and Rood to 15<sup>th</sup>. Trent said they are expecting funding to 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2020 and to 15<sup>th</sup> in 2021.

Further discussion with the City and CDOT regarding the bike/ped bridge. Orin said that there are several groups that would like to participate in the conversations to get everyone on the same page.

Trent said that UTC submitted a letter in March recommending the softer approach from the New Mobility West study rather than CDOT's plan of 2008.

Trent stated that would like to keep to five lanes with a light for crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup>. On February 19<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation to the City Council regarding the five lanes versus seven lanes.

Orin asked if there is an opportunity for a workshop before the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kristin suggested Orin or Gary attend the meeting to reiterate that they want to keep to four lanes rather than six and that really want a light a 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Will further discuss at the February meeting.

Monument Road Trail Connection dedication has been moved to February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Consideration of December 11, 2019 minutes

Correction to December minutes:

Correction to November minutes "Page 3, Gary stated what was typed was incorrect – it was to say" but was left blank.

December minute correction - Page three didn't get Gary's revised comments in the final version of December minutes. Should have read as: Gary asked how the City and staff were defining connectivity? The UTC's proposed Wayfinding Policy has a

connectivity goal of trying to locate a safe, continuous, signed route within one mile of every GJ resident. By that definition, the Dos Rios area is already “connected” by the CRT, which runs right through it and the Purple Route which is less than one half mile away and which already has a ped/bike bridge over the train tracks.

David Thornton’s title is Principal Planner

Under Update – Andy abstained before the conversation.

Sarah stated under Announcements change was to were.

Page Two – second line change to discuss the value of maintaining permanent written record.

Orin would like to see – change to guidance for a bike/ped plan in the comp plan.

Gary was present at December meeting but not listed.

*Action: Steve motioned to approve the minutes with corrections mentioned above. Gary seconded. Motion passed.*

**Action Items –**

Jane Quimby approached Orin after her 360 Redland’s presentation to see if he’d like to be part of the advisory group. Group would be meeting once a month for the next six months. David moved that Orin be on the 360 advisory committee. Steve second. Motion passed.

Presentation to One Riverfront and DDA. Gary and Orin are doing a presentation to One Riverfront and to the DDA in February. Depending on monies needed, One Riverfront (the Colorado Riverfront Foundation, Inc.) may be able to help with funding. Kristin asked if the Way Finding has changed since last time presented to the group and Orin stated minor changes made. Have talked with Fruita regarding material costs of around \$4,000.

Discussed asking DDA for funding similar to One Riverfront for wayfinding signage to downtown. Trent also suggested talking with Vara of the Horizon Business District regarding their pledge to the “maroon trail” signage.

Orin suggested breaking into two parts. First part is to do a presentation of the wayfinding package to One Riverfront and DDA. Kristin proposed presenting the package with potential financial ask stating may come back for the ask later. Steve asked if CMU would be included too. Sarah second. Motion passed.

Steve asked about filling Paul Jagim's position. Trent said he has funds to fill three positions but currently defining the positions.

Andy stated that should think about who would manage any changes in the plan.

### **Discussion Items –**

UTC Annual Roadmap Review – Lance showed a guiding document for the group to review and discussed Tiers and Priorities and what and how it's passed onto City Council. Sarah asked why things were listed in particular months and Lance stated that some of them fall in line of when City staff would be working on their plans. David asked for clarification on how items were listed. Group feels it will make give more structure to discussion and make meetings more productive, give continuity with each new co-chairs. Lance will make edits based on tonight's discussion and then get the revised document out to Tamara and Trent.

2019 Annual Report Review – Lance reminded the group that the 2018 report was never completed due to staffing issue. The report he presented was just for 2019. He clarified that City staff creates the report on what UTC has been doing over the past year and that develop report does not need to be approved by UTC. He did ask the group to review for any needed edits. Sarah suggested changing "unsuccessful" to recognizing currently at bronze level and with application was trying to move up a level. David talked about small projects. Suggestion made to post link on social media so public knows what UTC is doing and include UTC contact info for the public if they have a comments. Andy added it would be neat to include a list of UTC recommended completed list.

Shana said to add committee members served on Bike Month planning committee. Developed programs and activities.

Strategic Plan – Prepare for 2020 Update – Lance said there would be a UTC workshop on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in UTC's usual meeting room. Gary said looking to clean it up and update and those that can make it to the workshop will get recommendations out to the members who couldn't before the February meeting.

### **Update**

Compliance Resources for Colorado Open Meetings Act – ran out of time but Lance asked the members to read and will further discuss at next meeting.

Wayfinding Project – tabled until February meeting.

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

Public Comments - Lloyd said he is new and felt what he received tonight was helpful. He added that the meeting should be held in a larger room to accommodate the public.

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