

Urban Trails Committee
Minutes – March 11, 2020

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

Not Present: Devon Balet and Andy Gingerich

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction Engineer, Sandra Tinsman, Rob Davis, City of Grand Junction Forester and Open Space Supervisor, Chris Dombkowski, City of Grand Junction GIS, Chuck McDaniels, City Council member and Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff

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

Announcements – Action minutes Lance asked how the group liked them. Action minutes requires recording. Kristin likes the action better. Group agreed. Will go with Action and recording at next meeting.

Bike month work has started. Sponsorship gap compared to last year. Ideas for new sponsors let Lance or Kelsey Fife know.

Wayfinding presented to One Riverfront (ORF). ORF has branding concerns. ORF agreed to write another letter of support.

Intergovernmental Agency meeting – CPW received GOCO grant to add jet boat ramp and redo existing boat launch in Fruita. Colorado West Land Trust (CWLT) working with Audubon to revegetate the Monument Road Connect.

Fruita Recreation Master Plan – meeting well attended. Brains storming to figure out needs, to protect and maintain what currently have there. Potential park at former lagoons with a lake and bridge to Snooks Bottom.

City's Branding meeting well attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of February 12, 2020

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

Action Items – Bike Month Planning Review – Library Bike Repair and Wayfinding Workshop – May 2, 2020

Lance will provide the posters and other toolkit items.

Shana working on two hour event the Saturday before Bike to Work Day.

John Hodges and Bicycle Alliance will help with routes.

Need groups to help with bike repair. CMU might be able to help.

Kelsey Fife and Devon will have other ideas to share.

UTC volunteers needed 10am to noon. Gary, David and Orin volunteered.

Shana will get fliers to group.

Lance read calendar of events (Lance to email link).

Discussion Items – Part 1 of Infrastructure Priority List

Orin discussed how arrived at the priority list.

Tiers are confusing would like to simplify them by calling priorities and give it a title.

Will need to assess mission and goals when reviewing list.

Keep One and Two lists smaller with items ranked on each list. Kristin would like to keep Priority Three list so that if a small pot of money is found, list could be reviewed to identify items could use funds on.

Reviewed Active Transportation List

- project number
- priorities
- criteria

Current Priorities – Tier One

- Orchard Avenue
- 29 to 30 still on the list
- Horizon Drive/Independent Ranchman's Ditch
- 24 Road and Redlands Parkway – Trent said funds with Capacity funding voted in November. Discussing crossing at grade/separate structure or going under Patterson would be very expensive.
- Riverfront Trail – 27 ½ Road to 29 Road
- I-70 Business Loop at 1st Street (Rob added Forestry Board is drafting a letter similar to UTC letter)
- North Avenue
- Crosby Avenue

Tier Two

- Monument Road Trail – away from Monument Road not adjacent
- Redlands Parkway/South Broadway – widen footprint for bike lanes on road, leave Tour of the Moon Byway on the list knowing that will need to work with County
- “Black Bridge” Gunnison Crossing
- 27 ½ Road in Orchard Mesa

- F ½ Road to 30 Road – funding approved in November and construction in three years – add “in progress list” to move item to
- 30 Road – Trent said more challenging
- W Independent Avenue to 25 Road

Tier Three

- 7th Street Complete Street
- D Road/9th Street
- Hwy 340 Bridge and West Avenue – Trent will work with CDOT to move the barrier two feet out
- 23rd/24th Street – Gunnison to Orchard – good for wayfinding
- Riverside Park Trail – can check off, connected down to Hale and will be connected all the way down in the spring
- Main Street to River
- Main Street (center)
- 10th Street – CMU to Downtown
- Cyclist Detection at key signals

Completed projects through 2019

2020

- Completed
- Monument Road Trail (to Lunch Loops)
- Riverside Park Drive

Budgeted/Construction

- 24 Road and Redlands Parkway

Orin would like to make the list “these are top priority to lower priority” and move projects to in progress and completed. Group to look over the list to prioritize at next meeting and what items missing.

David noted that Max’s canal projects are not listed.

Past suggestions

Independent Avenue – widen shoulders connecting to Rimrock Avenue

N. 7th Street

Way-finding Signage

Tour of the Moon Byway – Shoulders and Signage

Kristin would like to have a “catch all list” that items sit on until they can be moved onto the priority list. Gary agrees.

Lance would like everyone to review the list and rank at home and add their ideas not on the list. Kristin suggested doing Excel spreadsheet in Google docs with all the items on the lists that each person can rank.

Update – CDBG Projects Under Public Works Review

Trent reviewed list in UTC's packet which he color coded with green/yellow/orange/red. Explained the coding and what was proposed. He talked about the ones being operational. 8 have been identified with green and Lance asked what he wants from UTC. Trent said not a lot of funds so UTC could remove a few from list. Will email out the list so group can review and rank via google doc.

Redlands 360 Updates – tabled until April.

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

Public Comments -

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.