

Urban Trails Committee Minutes

September 9, 2020

Absent Committee Members:

Present: Orin Zyvan (Chair), Shana Wade (Vice Chair; virtual), Andrew Gingerich (late arrival, virtual), David Lehmann (virtual), Alisha Wegner, Bob Doyle, Ross Mittelman, Trent Prall (Public Works Director, virtual), Diana Rooney, Lance Gloss (Senior Planner), Rob Davis (City Forester, virtual)

CALL TO ORDER

Orin called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lance explained that Bike Month activities for September were underway, and pointed the committee toward their agenda packet for details on digital participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alisha registered the need to identify her as absent in the previous minutes. Diana moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Ross seconded. The motion passed 7-0 to approve the minutes as amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Streets Survey

Shana introduced the survey draft, and emphasized the need to have both a succinct survey and to cover all three of the identified improvements. She asked the committee for input on what demographic questions to include and how these would be used.

Committee members discussed a variety of approaches to the questions, including questions about commuter status, location of residence, gender, car ownership, preference for street trees and shade, transit use, comfort level with active transportation, reliance on non-motorized modes, routes that need upgrades, and more.

Committee members also discussed ways of disseminating the survey, including signs and digital means. Andy and Lance planned to cooperate on signage design.

The committee delegated finalization of the survey to Shana and Lance, and voted to move forward with disseminating the survey, 8-0, after a motion by Alisha and a second by Ross.

Rob asked whether a question could be included about soft-surface trails along the Riverfront. Orin remarked that he would like to hear more about what the City wants to know, in order to provide direction to the UTC.

Members discussed the importance of the survey as a way to establish connections between UTC and the community.

Refine List of UTC Action Items and Policy Recommendations

Committee members discussed the draft list, the goals for the list, and the difference between the two lists (UTC action items and policy/program recommendations).

Members sought to systematically categorize the suggested items and considered ranking the items.

The item was planned to continue into a late September workshop. The need for an opening statement or introduction was also highlighted.

Discuss Bike/Ped county Strategy for 2020

David led a discussion of the past and future of bicycle and pedestrian counts in the city.

Shana and David committed to meeting with Trent and Lance on this topic in September, to plan for a small count this for 2020 and to consider new long-term strategies and technologies.

UPDATES

Trent and Lance provided an update on the Wayfinding grant from CDOT.

Trent gave an update on the Safe Routes to School upgrades, including on B Road, Lorey Drive, bulbouts on Grand, and ADA improvements on Pinyon and elsewhere.

Trent noted that the Dos Rios bike park had reopened.

Members were reminded of the upcoming chair and vice-chair elections in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob moved to adjourn. Andy seconded the motion. Orin adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.