

UTC Minutes – November 10, 2021

Members in attendance: Diana Rooney, Shana Wade, Andrew Gingerich, Orin Zyvan, Ellynn Bannan, Valerie Dobbs.

Staff in attendance: Dani Acosta, Eric Mocko, Trent Prall, Felix Landry, and Robert (Rob) Davis.

Mr. Joel Sholtes from the One Riverfront Commission and Mr. Jack Byrom, Grand Junction resident, also joined the meeting.

Call to Order/Announcements

Shana called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Dani provided an update about the staff transition plan. Orin suggested that staff and veteran UTC members meet to review existing UTC supporting documents and brainstorm ideas to standardize onboarding for new staff and new members.

Dani A. and Andrew G. informed members of the open house for North Avenue Enhanced Corridor Study.

Orin Z. provided background on the Grand Valley Safe Routes to School Committee that will help to guide the Mesa County Safe Routes Project, educational messaging and the RFP for the engagement program for alternative routes tailored to schools and to encourage participation, web/app development and graphic design to support the project.

Approval of Minutes

Diana motioned to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes. Valerie seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Election of New UTC Officers

Shana W. nominated Diana R. to serve as Chair. Andrew G. seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Diana R. nominated Shana W. to serve as Vice Chair. Orin Z. seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Items

The committee reviewed the lost-cost priority improvements list. Orin gave a recap on the origin and use of the list and how it interfaces with the annual roadmap. Abe H. informed the group that there was funding allocated in the 2022 budget for the Palisade Connection.

Eric provided status updates on the five items on the list.

Ellynn B. asked how projects are promoted if at all. Diana R. answered that the Annual Committee Report is one channel through which accomplishments are promoted. Orin Z. brought up the possibility of developing a dedicated UTC microsite for promotion or sprucing up the current webpage. Orin Z. raised that engagement with the public is not just limited to promotion and information dissemination but also collecting feedback. Abe recommended tapping Kevin K. in the City Manager's Office as a resource for project promotion and to broadcast relevant UTC information.

Other Business

Jack B. to the committee's attention the issue of delineating rights-of-ways on the trails, specifically the Riverfront trail, such as striping a yellow center line. The committee weighed in on potential solutions such as additional wayfinding and slow speed signs. Eric M. will look into possible safety designs and cost estimates for striping and safety improvements.

Rob D. from Parks & Recreation introduced himself to the committee and provided information about his recent discussion with the nonprofit Cycle Effect, an organization that empowers young women through mountain biking.

Joel S. from One Riverfront Commission introduced himself and gave background on the history of how the One Riverfront Commission and UTC have interfaced in the past. Joel S. informed the committee that the One Riverfront Commission is currently working on an internal strategic plan with the intention to stand up a more active committee.

Adjournment

Valeries D. motioned to adjourn. Ellyne B. seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:09 pm.