

# Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – May 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting

**Attendees:** Athena F., Steve M., Brooke C., Brent S., Diana R., Mike H., Kristen B., Jason N.

**Staff/Ex-Officio:** Henry Brown, Trent Prall, Anita Sheetz, Jenny Nitzky, Andy Gingerich

**Guests:**

## Minutes

**Call to Order/Announcements:** Meeting called to order at 5:34.

### Meeting Minutes

1. March Minutes  
Diana moves to approve, Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.
2. April Minutes  
Brooke moves to approve, Diana seconds, unanimous approval.

### Action Items

1. Infrastructure Priorities Ranking  
Henry presented the updated list. Kristen requested more orientation next year.  
  
Diana moves to accept as rated by the Committee, Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.
2. Special Workshop – New member orientation  
Brooke moves to have a Special workshop on May 22 for new member orientation. Kristen seconds, unanimous approval.

### Discussion Items

1. Sustainability and Adaptation Plan & Urban Heat Island updates  
Jenny Nitzky, Sustainability Coordinator presented for on Urban Heat Island mapping, volunteer campaign to drive and measure temperatures around the city on July 27 or backup on August 3, or August 17 as double backup. Morning, mid-day, and nighttime shifts. More info to come on June 2, Heat Awareness Day.  
Committee asked about what outcomes can come out of the research, density of development, color of rooves, or building materials to help inform mitigation approaches from a built environment.  
  
Jenny Nitzky shared 95% draft Sustainability and Adaptation Plan, focusing on overall goals. Committee discussion included if Persigo methane recapture is reapplied elsewhere, Trent shared that it is not too replicable in smaller communities, but has been presented across the country. The Committee asked if the County is working on anything similar to the SAP, Jenny shared that their focus remains on waste and not so broad. The City usually adopts things like this first, then other neighboring governments may follow.
2. Low Cost Improvements  
Henry presented the previous cycle's infrastructure priorities. Henry will make the form available continuously for adding items ongoingly.

### Updates

1. Engineering  
Trent shared that 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are under negotiation with striping companies. F ½ is underway, 24 Rd is undergoing landscaping. C ½ RFT is going to Council next week for acquisition of Skinner property.

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### 2. Living Streets Subcommittee

Steve presented updates from the April meeting, where Jimmy shared a timeline and plan for outreach to neighborhoods about vision.

### 3. Pedestrian & Bicycle Counts Subcommittee

Diana shared updates for Counts on May 4, 7, and 9. A few more volunteers are needed for Thursday, May 9. An afterparty will celebrate the volunteers; UTC and Council are invited to join at Ramblebine at 6:30 PM on 5/9.

### 4. Shared Micromobility Update

Tabled due to lack of time.

### 5. Bike Month

Henry shared the calendar in the agenda.

## Public Comment

## Adjournment

Diana moves to adjourn at 7:06.