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**URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N 5th STREET**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. February Minutes

Action Items

1. CDBG Project recommendations
2. Approval of Matchett Park feedback
3. Crash Analysis Studio - Local Expert

Discussion Items

1. Mesa County Safety Action Plan
2. Infrastructure Priorities

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee
2. Active Traffic Counts
3. Bicycle Friendly Communities application

Other Business/Public Comment

1. Walk-worthy news

Adjournment

Attendees: Athena F., Josh M., Steve M., Brooke C., Brent S., Anita S., Diana R., Mike H.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Eric Mocko, Jason Nguyen, Trent Prall, Andy Gingerich

Guests: George, Alex, Kristen

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Meeting called to order at 5:31

Meeting Minutes

1. January Minutes
Josh moves to accept, Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Matchett Park follow-up
The Committee reviewed the site plans again and decided to draw up a list of recommendations for desirable items to see in the 50% designs. Diana and Anita to lead the consolidation of comments to support Staff discussions which Henry will pass to Ken and Parks & Recreation team.

Discussion Items

1. Infrastructure Priorities & CDBG
Henry to send recommended promotions from Low-cost improvements list with links to google maps.
2. Active Transportation Counts
Diana and Josh volunteer for subcommittee. Henry to send email for next steps.

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee
Brent presented on the subcommittee meeting; Committee discussed options and made timing recommendations.

Public Comment

Kristen asked about the Infrastructure Ranking process and how the projects are used.

George talked about opportunities on the Infrastructure Priorities List to incorporate or highlight connections to the Riverfront Trail. Steve shared his plan to join the next ORF meeting.

Adjournment

Brooke moves to close at 7:06.

Project Corridor	Extent	UTC priority	Project type	CDBG Tract?	SRTS	PBP priority
Orchard	19 th – 21 st St	2016.02	Deficient sidewalk; safe crossing	South-side only	Orchard Elementary	High (retrofit)
28 ¼ Road & Orchard intersection		Low cost improvements list	Intersection redesign	¾ (not corner)	Orchard Elementary/Nisely	High (retrofit)
Hwy 50 Want to have pedestrians on Hwy 50?	Santa Clara – Palmer	2023.01	Missing sidewalk	Yes (north- side only)	Dos Rios	High
Independent Ranchman's Ditch	Patterson – Horizon	2016.03	Canal Trail	Yes	Juniper Ridge	High (missing trail)
W Pinyon Ave	Westgate – 25 ½		Missing sidewalk	Yes	Pomona	High
28 ½ Road @ GVIC		2023.02	Bridge	Yes	Nisely	N/A (new corridor)
Gunnison No ROW some segments	27 th St – Harris Rd	2022.08	Missing trail; bridge	Yes (except 27 th – 28 Rd)	N/A	High; N/A (new corridor 27 th – 28 ½)
Santa Clara	Hwy 50 – Roubidou		Missing sidewalk	Yes	New Emerson	High (except Palmer to Palisade)
Ella St	Lilac – Ridgewood		Missing sidewalk	Yes	West Middle	Medium
Hermosa	12 th /13 th 15 th		Missing sidewalk	Yes	Bookcliff Christian & Tope	Medium
28 Road	Grand – North		Missing sidewalk	Yes (east side only Grand – Belford)	N/A	High (Grand to Gunnison); Medium (Gunnison to North)
Pinon	Canal – Santa Clara		Missing sidewalk	No	Orchard Mesa	High
G Rd	Canyon View – Horizon	2022.01	Missing sidewalk	No	Caprock	Medium/Low
F ½	29 Rd – 30 ½	2020.13	Missing sidewalk	No	Thunder Mountain	Primarily High (some medium, some low)
27 ½	B ½ – UnawEEP	2017.02	Missing sidewalk	No	Orchard Mesa	High
H Rd	26 ¾ – 27 ¼	2020.08	Missing sidewalk	No	Holy Family	High
South Camp	Standing Rock – Broadway	2020.16	Patchy sidewalk/safe crossing	No	Wingate	High/Medium
Desert Hills Road	Canal – Escondido Cir.	2022.03	Missing trail	No	N/A	Medium
30 Road Part not in City Limits	RFT – D Rd		Missing sidewalk	No	Pear Park	½ Medium, 1/3 High, 1/6 Low
Patterson	2442-2448		Missing sidewalk	No	N/A	Medium



Dear Director Sherbenou and Community Recreation Center planning team,

Thank you for joining our December 2023 regular meeting to present on the latest Community Recreation Center site plan details for the benefit of the Committee. As you know, the Urban Trails Committee is appointed by City Council to support the development of inviting and connected active transportation networks, supporting the vision of Grand Junction as a city where people of all ages and abilities can access key destinations safely and conveniently. The UTC is committed to supporting the people-first CRC design as one of those key destinations.

Specifically, the Committee has identified a few critical elements to be considered as design progresses:

- Transit circulation – Enable bus access near the front door of the CRC without drastically impacting scheduling (i.e., facilitating ingress and egress via 28 ¼ Rd), possibly via:
 - Small transit roundabout across the parking lot from CRC front entrance,
 - Connectivity through County property,
 - A bus bay and turnaround loop through the parking access lane, or
 - A bus bay and turnaround loop near the intersection with Hawthorne (perhaps around the small pond?).
- Safe and connected passenger and parking pedestrian access – Provide dedicated pathway(s) through the parking lot, possibly by repurposing bioswales between aisle(s).
- Site pedestrian access, especially from south of Patterson – Evaluate opportunities to facilitate pedestrian access across Patterson Avenue, which acts as a barrier to accessing the Matchett Park site, via:
 - Inviting and continuous logical paths from crosswalks to CRC entrances,
 - Diverting paths from circuitous roadways to enhance directness & efficiency, and
 - Connectivity through County property.

While the Committee primarily focuses on urban trails, we must acknowledge that most transit trips start or end with walking or cycling trips and that service provided by Grand Valley Transit supports the vision of the 2023 Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan. With proactive planning, CRC site design has the potential to promote more safe and convenient travel options for visitors. Committee members would be happy to reengage with the planning team as needed to fully develop concepts like those outlined above.

Sincerely,

City of Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee

Athena Fouts
Chair

Stephen Meyer
Vice Chair