

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – November 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Attendees: Athena F., Julia W., Steve M., Kristen B., Lori B., Diana R., Brooke C., Mike H., Jason N.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Anita Sheetz, Tim Lehrbach, Carissa Finnerty, Andy Gingerich

Guests: Orin Zyvan

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Athena calls meeting to order at 5:31. Boards & Commissions Appreciation Dinner invitation reminder.

Meeting Minutes

1. October Minutes

Diana moves to approve October minutes as amended. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Walk Audit Summary

Henry shared the draft summary. Athena, Kristen, Anita, and Diana shared their perspectives for those who were not able to join. Henry shared that the Engineering & Transportation Department is already working on 24 ½ Road at Flat Top Lane. The committee expressed interest in seeing those designs. Comparing this audit to 2021, members shared that this was significantly sketchier. Andy and Diana shared that this speaks to how codes and practices changed from 1900s development to 1970s development. Brooke shared an idea to promote walking to the general public as well and increase opportunities for engagement.

Henry will send the digital version to the committee for all to provide comments by next Wednesday.

Discussion Items

1. Pedestrian Connectivity – 21.05.020(e)(1)(iii)

Tim shared a presentation about proposed code amendments related to pedestrian connections in the Zoning and Development Code. The committee opined that driving to a business and parking necessitates being outside of a vehicle in a mixed pedestrian/vehicle area, and that this “conflict” is somewhat a choice, whereas some traveling from origin to destination on foot are likely doing so from lack of choice.

Tim let the committee know that the Council Hearing is scheduled for 12/4.

The committee discussed whether it makes sense to expect all of (a) through (g) to be met; it could be challenging to meet at 7 criteria. Combining (d) and (e) may make it more clear. Grade separation is difficult for doors that are at road-grade.

Anita shared the Highlands Ranch King Soopers likely has all but one of these and it feels very safe.

2. Signage

Henry shared presentation about signage. Andy shared about some communities that use a partial bike lane striping in the turn lane and how the BMUFL signs can be used in conjunction with Sharrows. Diana commented that these signs are used effectively near Tiara Rado on narrow parts of the roadway. Committee discussed height and location of signage.

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee

Henry shared a brief update summarizing the additions to the amenity spaces to date and some continued plans for the remainder of the calendar year.

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2. Engineering Update

Henry will email the committee with Trent's Engineering update. Pay special attention to the before and after speeds for 4th and 5th Streets.

3. League Cycling Instructor Seminar

Henry shared that the City facilitated a seminar to "train the trainers" on how to grow awareness of safe cycling habits. Plan is to roll out education more broadly.

4. Bicycle Friendly Business

Henry will share a City Hall Bicycle Friendly Business survey to the committee.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Diana moves to adjourn at 7:07.