

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – September 11, 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: Trent Prall, Eric Mocko, Henry Brown, Anita Sheetz, Andy Gingerich

Guests: Tony (CMU student), Macy (CMU student), Tara (Mobility Manager, RTP0)

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Lori introduced herself as the newest Committee member. Committee members gave general introductions including their interest in serving on UTC.

Meeting Minutes

1. August Minutes

Diana moves to approve updated August minutes. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Request for support – Mesa County – Reconnecting Communities

Steve shared the request from the County for a letter of support on the Clifton project. Diana provided more context and detail. Brooke moves to submit a letter of support. Julia seconds, unanimous approval.

Discussion Items

1. Core Arterial Network

Henry shared again the draft Core Arterial Network. Diana recommended including Hwy 340 and a new N/S connection near Rhone. Anita asked about Gunnison versus Grand and why we are targeting higher volume streets versus nearby lower volume streets. Diana mentioned wanting to see more about existing ATCs along canalways. Henry mentioned the small additions and corrections to the ATC map. Andy recommended trying to get it adopted into the circulation plan for actually getting easements established.

2. 7th Street Feasibility Study

Henry and Trent shared briefly about the 7th Street Feasibility Study, invited the Committee to come to Monday's City Council Workshop and will plan to present in more detail next month.

3. MCPH – Community Health Public Needs Assessment

Anita presented the data from MCPH from the slides in the packet. The full report is available on mesacounty.us. While this is county-wide, there is direct relation to walkability and bikability for UTC's relevance. Anita challenged the committee to include a more comprehensive view of what the community needs as a whole.

Updates

1. Living Streets Subcommittee

Steve shared an update on the murals and historical display at USPS. Henry shared about bike racks on order.

2. 4th & 5th

Eric shared the updated designs and schedules for 5th Street. Neighbors have shared that its quieter and safer. Eric got "before" data on 4th, 5th, and 7th for speed, volume, and classification. Once things settle, "after" data will allow for a comparison. Trent shared that so far, City Council has heard 13 against and 11 for in public comment across two hearings. UTC advised on parking buffer in 2021.

3. Impact Fees

Discussion tabled for a future month, when there is more to share about transportation and mobility.

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4. Elections

Diana reminded the Committee that next month is UTC elections. Please consider if you are interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair. Athena and Steve each, respectively, have another term of eligibility.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Julia moves to adjourn at 7:07.