

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – February 26, 2025 – Regular Meeting

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

Staff/Ex-Officio: Henry Brown, Carissa Finnerty, Trent Prall, Eric Mocko, Anita Sheetz

Guests: Tara Flaharty (RTPO)

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements: Athena calls meeting to order at 5:39 after some tech issues.

Meeting Minutes

1. January Minutes

Diana moves to approve January minutes with Brent's name added to attendance. Kristen seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Local Walking College

Tara from the RTPO and Ulises from CU/CMU are looking for a UTC member to join the Walking College team. Diana suggested maybe GVSA would be a good fit. The Committee suggested having staff join would offer more longevity than a committee member. Staff to follow up with a recommendation for Tara and Ulises.

2. Revitalizing Main Streets Grant

Brooke moved to support the grant with a letter supporting the bid for CDOT funds for broadening the C340/Broadway Bridge Trail, Kristen seconds, unanimous approval. Diana recused herself since she works for SGM, who is working on the design.

3. 4th & 5th Street Letter

The Committee developed a draft letter covering the 4th & 5th Street Workshop from January. Brooke moves to submit a version of this letter to the paper. Diana seconds with a stipulation that Trent and the City Manager align on that approach. There was some discussion about whether it's best to sustain it in the news cycle or not. 6 vote to support with the stipulation; 1 abstention. Staff will follow up on the follow-up with Trent and Mike.

Discussion Items

1. Better Block University

Henry shared the opportunity for a micro-grant/mentorship opportunity with the Committee. Diana recommended that it could be a better fit for staff. Brooke expressed some interest and a specific project in mind, but agreed that it could be better for staff. Trent recommends reaching out to the program leader. Staff will follow up after discussion with the grantor to determine a recommendation for if staff and UTC member(s) could apply or if one party is recommended.

2. Winter Walk Audit Discussion

Carissa is seeking administrative feedback on the Walk Audit. Diana suggested holding the next Walk Audit in August. Steve commented that it was well organized. Brooke agrees that continuing to see more will be good. Trent shared that a mile is tight in 70 minutes, especially for those in a wheelchair. There was some trouble with the app and cold fingers. Steve recommended providing the guidance to save the responses for later until a WiFi connection is possible.

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Updates

1. Engineering Update

Trent shared updates on Monument Trail, anticipated to be completed by Q2, with possibility to exceed expectations on the timeline. Utilities are going in on Crosby. Horizon/G Road roundabout construction to start April 7. 29 Road Right of Way is being investigated.

2. Bike Month & Active Transportation Counts

Henry reminded that BTWD will be 5/16, aligned to the national schedule. Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Friday.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Kristen moves to add 10 minutes to the meeting. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Brooke moves to adjourn at 7:12.