

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – June 11, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Attendees: Athena F., Steve M., Brent S., Julia W., Mike H., Diana R., Maureen G., Barbara K., Benaiah A., Jason N.

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

Guests:

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements:

Athena called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Committee went through introductions and thanked exiting members.

Meeting Minutes

1. May Minutes

Anita moves to approve May minutes. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. Workshop Scheduling

Maureen moves to schedule a workshop on 7/23 for New Member Orientation. Steve seconds, unanimous approval.

Brent moves to schedule a workshop on 8/27 for a Walk Audit. Julia seconds, unanimous approval. The committee recommended inviting City Council. Councilmember Nguyen will plan to share to Council. Andy recommended looking at shaded versus unshaded paths, given the heat.

2. SS4A Support

Henry presented on Safe Streets and Roads for All and the City's plans Diana moves to submit a letter of support from the UTC. Julia seconds, unanimous approval. Henry will work with Athena and Steve to refine the letter as needed.

Discussion Items

1. Annual Roadmap

Athena supported the recommendations. Steve recommended moving away from the wheel. Brent affirmed that a typical calendar could be more helpful. Anita recommended the Technical Training stay early in the new term for the benefit of incoming members. Maureen recommended including a glossary of terms and Barabara recommended including links to the documents. Anita supported the idea of consolidating Low-cost and Infrastructure Priorities. Julia recommended including walk audit cadence for transparency about meeting frequency.

Henry will take the comments to update a recommendation for the committee to continue to discuss.

2. Ex-Officio Roles

Anita presented on work from with the MCPH board and her own development of defining the role on the committee. Grand Valley Connects is the first such community navigator program in the region.

Andy shared on the role of the Regional Transportation Planning Office/Metropolitan Planning Organization and how it informs his role on UTC.

Updates

1. GVT

Andy shared details of the new route 12 pilot and fare free conditions over the summer. Trent asked about farebox revenue, which totals about \$500,000 per year.

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2. Engineering Update

Trent shared an update on Council direction on 4th/5th and the plan to move to two lanes south of Grand Ave. Monument Trail is open!

Horizon/G Rd roundabout construction has started.

Four Canyons Pkwy is out for bid.

Crosby Ave utilities phase is ongoing, trail construction planned for next year.

Broadway bridge trail expansion expected for later this year.

Julia asked about 4th/5th, regarding parking at the post office and net parking spaces with the change. Trent shared that number of spaces at the post office is not expected to change, but also it is not expected to revert to diagonal. The total parking is expected to decrease with the change.

Other Business

Councilmember Nguyen mentioned that there was some confusion about how Infrastructure Priorities are ranked and if bucketing may be more broadly understandable.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Steve moved to extend the meeting, seconded by Brent, unanimous approval. Julia moves to adjourn at 7:15, Barbara seconds.