

Urban Trails Committee – Minutes – January 14, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Attendees: Brent S., Maureen G., Beniah A., Anna Q., Diana R., Barbara K., Athena F., Brooke C., Jason N.

Staff/Ex-Officio: Eric Mocko, Trent Prall, Anita Sheetz, Andy Gingerich,

Guests: Alex L.

Minutes

Call to Order/Announcements:

Brent called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Eric introduced Anna Q. to the group as a partial term replacement for Kristen.

Meeting Minutes

1. December Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes. Diana moves to adopt the December minutes with correcting abbreviation of Mayor Kennedy from MC to MK. Brooke seconds, unanimous approval.

Action Items

Discussion Items

1. Mission Statement

Maureen asked if we should be addressing more than pedestrians and bicyclists. Brooke asked if we should be stating “multimodality”.

Beniah asked if the committee should look at the balance of focus regarding bikes and pedestrians. Following discussion, general consensus indicated that the Vision and Mission was still appropriate.

1. Annual Road Map

Beniah noted that walk audits help promote and bring light to a lot of pedestrian issues throughout the City

Diana emphasized that Walk Audits might need to be a subcommittee until permanent staff can be brought on to help organize

Maureen asked if 2 walk audits a year is reasonable. Discussion indicated that April might be more reasonable.

Eric mentioned the 3 beneficial areas to focus on for staff would be walk audits, ped/bike counts, the level of effort for infrastructure priorities. Perhaps the subcommittee could identify the quantity/location of the walk audits for the year.

It was discussed how infrastructure priorities could be trimmed/pruned/added to each year. New projects would get scored, and would fall in the rankings amongst the other projects on the list. Every project could be rescored/reranked every other year (or another agreed upon cadence).

Brooke mentioned that it would be helpful to have a digital interface for the bike counts

Anita asked about safety reports presented to UTC

Eric mentioned that the MCSATF annual report could be presented to UTC in the future

Updates

Micromobility

Eric presented that the program now lies in the City managers office

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Diana asked if a letter of support for the program would be appropriate.

Discussion indicated that it does not seem to be a need at this time but that updates on the metrics would be beneficial to UTC.

Other Business

Public Comment

Alex L – glad the meetings are being recorded

Jace D – with the Sentinel – writing a story on Fruita’s Age Friendly Initiative – hoping to discuss what efforts are happening at the City

Jason N. – applications for this committee are due January 28. The airport wants to move their bus stop 1000ft away – does a letter from UTC seem appropriate?

Diana reemphasized the question.

Andy – the move was not the suggestion of GVT but came from the Airport. The airport is private property so it does not follow the typical review process. It is somewhat unclear at this time. GVT is open to different solutions.

Adjournment

Brooke moves to adjourn at 7:01 PM. Diana seconds, unanimous approval.