

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
March 11, 2014

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Eric Marchese	Dr. Terri Wenzlaff
Biz Collins	Jeff Kuhr	Dave Grossman

Also present Jody Kliska, public, Kayla Dobson, public, Kathy Portner, Trenton Prall and Paul Jigim with the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Terri. Motion approved.

Announcements – Dan Fitzgerald to attend the RFC 3/18 meeting.

Sign up sheets passed around for volunteers needed in April, July and October.

RFC – Welcome Reception for the Verde River Group – April 9th with tour on April 10th.

Retreat on May 3rd. More info to follow.

Safe Routes to school needing volunteers at Shelledy April 14th – 18th.

GJ Off Road is having discount registration night at Bin 707.

Old Business –

Built Environment - Safe Routes to School – Biz talked about the bill in the State legislature and will need to write letters to the legislature. Discussed whether more effective to send a bunch of letters or one signed by partners in a more collaborative effort. Biz and Julie will talk to Heidi at the Health Department to write a letter. Kathy will talk with the City if they would write a letter since they are the fiscal/financial organization.

Draining District Committee Update – Terri said nothing new to add from previous info.

Grand Valley Bikes – see Safe Routes to School info above.

Riverfront Update – Stacy Beagh handed out a strategic plan for the RFC. Mesa County GIS department will be printing up maps and placing them at the trailheads. PUC instructed Union Pacific to work with the City of Fruita on culvert issue. Passed around the new tear away map for the Riverfront project that will be available at the VCB, area hotels, and the Fruita Welcome Center.

Prioritized List Update – Biz review what was discussed at the last meeting. Eric asked if the group prioritized their lists. Many said it was difficult because everything was coming out high. Talked about low hanging fruit and whether or not it could be done with just a phone call. Further discussed feasibility of project and everyone's top choices without using the rating number to determine where it appears on the list. Went through one (Nisley Elementary) to see if the group is using the scoring matrix correctly. Further reviewed 1st and Grand intersection and proposed solution. Round about would have been best solution but would have required two businesses to be purchased and so went smaller solution but will only solve the problem until 2050. Went on to score 340 Bridge and the issues and difficulties involved to resolve them. Also talked about what CMU will be doing on 12th with bike lanes and ped separation.

Discussed having a one list for the City, one for the County and one for CDOT.

Julie proposed another meeting or having the next meeting a workshop to just work on priority list. Group decided that next meeting will just be a workshop.

GJ Walking and Biking Summit – meeting on March 25th.

There was no further old business.

New Business

Healthy Mesa County – Jeff updated the group on what Healthy Mesa County is and how it came about and where it wants to go with the program and collaboration with its partners. He showed the website (healthymesacounty.org).

Mesa County Plan Development Review – asked Mesa County to add Julie, Biz, Terri and Eric to Sire. Julie and Terri and Jeff will review the current development for the Three Sisters Bookends project.

Julie talked about the TAC meeting which meets on the second Wednesday at 3:00pm of the month. GVRTC meets on the fourth Monday of each month at ?

Paul talked about State Highway Strategic Highway Safety Plan. One of the areas was bicycle/pedestrian focus group will be having a meeting on March 19th in Denver making it available via conference call for those not able to make it over to Denver. Paul will set up a conference/webinar for the meetings.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – 7:30pm.