

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
April 8, 2014**

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Eric Marchese	Biz Collins
Dave Grossman	Michelle Bailey	Dan Fitzgerald

Also present Phyllis Norris, City Council member, Jody Kliska, public, Kathy Portner, Trent Prall and Paul Jigim with the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Julie/Biz. Motion approved.

Announcements – Dave Grossman to attend the RFC 4/13 meeting.

Sign up sheets passed around for volunteers for Western Slope Outdoor Fest on 5/4.

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

Retreat on May 3rd. Bus tour starting at 6th and White parking lot.

Old Business –

Prioritized List Update – Julie talked about email regarding NACTO URBAN DESIGN GUIDE – everyone said they don't remember seeing the email. Julie will re-email.

Continued working on the priority list.

Horizon Drive (connecting to Patterson especially 25 ½ Road) – Ranchmen's Ditch along Patterson would be great since it's already covered. Have asked for a more meaningful approach rather than just an encompassing approach.

Orchard Avenue (west of 29 Road, County one side, City other side – Nisley built in the 50's and no sidewalks or safe way for kids to walk to school)

1st Street (Ouray to North Avenue, curb cutter and sidewalk, North Avenue to Orchard south to Grand Avenue) – needs improvements. Road diet going from four lanes to three lanes with bike lanes.

Orchard Mesa – south side to the north side Hwy 50 (especially from Dos Rios to commercial business). Discussion of using the bridge since traffic light installed down by City Market. Need more trails in area with BMX going in at Fairgrounds and little league fields to get kids safely to this location.

24 Road and Redlands Parkway – very difficult to navigate as a pedestrian and bicycle. Again put on road diet and go down to three lanes and use the remaining lane separated with barriers for bikes.

Black Bridge – emergency access for DOE. Old Mill Bridge was \$1.5 million in 1996. A bridge for this would have to be very substantial for emergency vehicles and would cost nearly twice as much if not more. Kathy said that in order for the Incubator to grow they will need a secondary access which will be part of their development plan.

Monument Road – from D Road north to Tabegauche Trail - \$1.7 million. Mesa Land Trust is still raising funds to acquire the Bookends Project which is on either end of the Three Sisters Project.

Michelle asked about budget amount to help determine how to prioritize.

Phyllis said the City is currently doing a survey of all the streets to see when they will need repairs and/or replacement.

Discussed how Moab has been able to achieve all the grants they've gotten. It appears they have a retired grant writer that moved there and has been successful in getting numerous Federal Grants. They have a department that has paid staff that works on grants. They also have a lodging tax that they use in writing their grants for cash match. Would be great if could use our local lodging tax for grants.

Dave would like to add Downtown to list. Currently island and difficult to get connected to trails.

Eric talked about Crosby Avenue, no bike lane going to 25 ½ Road. Can't see when going around curve and going over two jail driveways which feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

Talked about 340 Bridge and not wide enough for a bike lane and lots of gravel on it. It's difficult and riders aren't sure what to do when they reach that area. Trent told Julie at one time that there isn't room for a full bike lane but perhaps a road diet to get a little extra room for a safer lane.

Biz asked what Bee Hive Drain is – I Road to 25 Road. Jody said in the 2035 tried to look at corridors rather than just connections.

Discussed putting together a list of 5 or 10 items in no particular order with a secondary list and a third list with really doable items – such as just paint or signage.

Dan asked if doing a list just for the City to work on or does UTC do the list to continue campaigning for the prioritized list. Michelle asked what the narrative that needs to go with each project. Kathy and Paul said that they will work with UTC to help know which projects they could recommend to the City.

Michelle suggested working on priority first and then advocate for communication piece next.

Eric said he will work on the three lists and then forward it onto all members.

Kristin talked about the Health Care Reform Act – Community Transformation Grants.

Kristin said that Horizon appears to be more geared towards tourists rather than residents. The others on the list would serve a greater need. Others felt Horizon could be done in pieces.

There was no further old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment – Phyllis said she likes what the group is doing and the priority list. Wants to see connections north and south and east and west.

Adjournment – 7:30pm.