

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
November 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

Dr. Kristin Heumann

Biz Collins

Dan Fitzgerald

Eric Marchese

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Dr. Terri Wenslaff, public, Trent Prall with the City of Grand Junction Chuck Keller and Vara Korsella with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Thanked Kathy with the City for providing sandwiches.

**Approval of Minutes** – Biz/Kristen. Motion pass.

**Announcements** – Need volunteer for RFC meeting on 11/18 at 5:30pm. Biz said she could attend.

IGA meeting on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am at BLM.

December – move the meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 9<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall building main conference room across from the elevator.

**Old Business** - There was no old business.

**New Business** – Vara and Chuck stated that they were at meeting to state that they would like to have the Horizon Drive golf course trail done and hope that the Kathy with the City of GJ could find the money for the project. Trent talked about the 2007 study that had loops for the Horizon Drive area which would be good for tourists and employees that work along Horizon Drive. Trent stated there would need to be more engineering done before can move forward with this trail and then need to find money for the project.

Chuck talked about the construction on Horizon to start in September of 2015. Thanked Chuck and Vara for coming and giving their thoughts.

Julie mentioned that Vara is participating in the Trail Summit planning.

**Bylaws** – Kathy passed around revised bylaws. She said UTC needs to review the Purpose Statement and to make sure it's what the group agreed upon. Members agreed upon seven members rather than 7 to 11 what was previously used. Kathy stated she would like to have this signed and taken care of by the end of the year. She did talk about terms and that she'd like them

to restart once the document is signed and figure out how to stagger them for the members at that time. Members are to review and let Kathy know if there are any changes. Biz motioned to move forward with UTC Bylaws with members to review so that Kathy can present to City Council at their first meeting in December. Kristen second. Motion passed. Kathy said it would be good for UTC to be in attendance at that meeting.

**Prioritized Safe Routes to Schools** – Biz reminded the group that the City Council wants UTC to come up with a list for Safe Routes for Schools. Biz showed a map and Kathy said the group needs to make sure if they see anything to make sure it gets on the map. Trent said Pomona and West Middle School, Lincoln Orchard Mesa Middle School and Mesa View have already been identified. Talked about Nisley, Dos Rios and Orchard Avenue. Kathy said the City will be looking at CBI funding projects in February. She said the City would like a full list by January. Biz would like everyone to take like five schools and put a list together. Biz will send out a map and asked members if they are out and about to take a look. Kathy said they can go on the City website to get school attendance info. Group should look for missing sidewalks, unsafe crossings, etc.

**Strategic Plan Brainstorming** – Biz passed around a draft strategic plan. She said she took the info from various items. Many things are very wordy and need to streamline the plan. Open to comments and ideas. Kathy said that Biz should look at the new bylaw draft and incorporate it into the plan. Terri asked if really need the history to be part of the plan. Thought might move to new member binder. Kristen suggested giving everyone time to review and digest before making comments.

**Bike Friendly Community Designation** – Kristen updated the group and that Trent felt that GJ might qualify for Silver but Kristen said at minimum being a Bronze. Trent stated that the application is 26 pages and that it has very in depth questions and the 2015 application is due by February 16<sup>th</sup>. The application for businesses and Colleges/Universities is different from the one for the City. Grand Valley Bikes (GVB) will help as an advocacy group.

Biz asked if need to go before the City Council and Kathy thinks it would be good to meet with the City after the first of the year to update them on this and the UTC Bylaws and coming back under the City of Grand Junction.

**Walking and Biking Summit on Friday, March 13, 2015.** Kathy said that the City would cover the cost for any UTC member that attends. Kristen asked about a student rate – she felt students would pay \$5. She said the \$10 at the door would be great to try and get them to pre-register.

Julie spoke about some of the prioritized items have been accomplished and need to show that they are accomplished.

There was no further new business.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 7:00pm.