

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes**  
**February 10, 2015**

**Called to Order**

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

Biz Collins    Eric Marchese            Jeff Kuhr            Kristen Heumann  
Dan Fitzgerald

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

Thanked Kathy with the City for providing sandwiches.

**Approval of Minutes** – Eric/Jeff. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Recruiting new UTC members. Need to get applications in soon. Michele will check with Stephanie Tuin to see what happens if no other applications are received.

**Old Business -**

There was no old business.

**New Business –**

**Prioritized Safe Routes to Schools** – Eric updated on his audit it did around Scenic and what was missing and other little “legal” trails that are around the school.

Dan updated on his audit out at Pear Park. He said there was one area that had raised crosswalk with flashing lights but on other parts of D ½ Road that had nothing for kids to safely cross. Sidewalk just stops on 30 ¼ Road.

Biz passed around Safe Routes to School hand outs with the walk audits:  
Thunder Mountain Elementary – F ½ Road to 30 Road (south side – eastbound side of F ½).  
Discussed the long skinny parcel that the School District owns and thinks that would be a good connection to 31 Road.

Orchard Avenue Elementary – Biz talked about 19<sup>th</sup> Street improvements to better standards, may have to cut into School District property so it doesn't affect traffic – currently it's awful to

enter and exit to the school. 19<sup>th</sup> Street is really narrow (more like an alley). Would allow for a sidewalk on the south side with traffic moving in a clockwise manner.

28 ¼ Road to Elm didn't make it to the map but Biz will add it to the map with a safe crossing on Elm. Would need a signalized crossing. Discussed the possibility of redoing that intersection with a round about.

Pomona Elementary – suggestion of going to West Orchard Avenue/West Lake Park access to 25 ½ Road. Also need to continue the bike lanes on 25 ½ Road north of Patterson. Ranchman's Ditch is currently used by many pedestrians but not justifiable for a Safe Routes to School connection.

Tope Elementary – Orchard Avenue at Cannell Avenue, unsafe eastbound lane. Kristen stated that CMU will be expanding and Cannell will probably no longer be a street and she doesn't think that UTC should put it on the list.

Walnut Avenue needs sidewalk widening with Parent pick up along 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Crosswalks paralleling 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street and a crosswalk at Sherwood Park.

Kathy said rather than categorizing the pieces, categorizing by school which would be easier to use the schools as a focal point which would allow the City to fashion something for the most bang for the buck.

Biz believes that Thunder Mountain has the greatest needs and then Pear Park Element and the Orchard Mesa Elementary.

Reminded group of schools needing prioritization: Thunder Mountain Elementary, Orchard Avenue, Pomona, Tope, Lincoln Orchard Mesa, Mesa View, Pear Park, and Scenic. Kathy took vote from group with top three. Orchard Avenue rose to the top, Thunder Mountain second, Pear Park came in third. All others will remain on the list but City staff will see what can and can't be funded. Kathy stated Thunder Mountain may not qualify for CGB.

Kristen stated she thinks middle schools should be looked out too. Kathy said CIP budget for 2016 will happen this summer so UTC should be looking at the middle schools now.

Summit – Biz said she would be email a pdf of the poster. Each UTC member is asked to help recruit attendees.

Bike Friendly Community Designation – Kathy said the application is due by 5:00pm Hawaii time tomorrow. She asked everyone to review the draft application and let her know if there are any changes. When she submits the final applications she will included two attachments, one being the UTC Master Trails Plan. Not exactly sure when will hear about the designation.

Bike to Work Month – Kathy showed a draft of poster. Talked about t-shirts and colors that City and County Health Department are considering for their teams.

Bicycle Routes Map – at last meeting talked about the need to update the Bicycle Routes Map. Biz said the Bicycle Month group would love to have a user map available for Bicycle Month.

There was no further new business.

**Public Comment** – Kathy said the City Council is requesting the UTC presence at a workshop on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm in back part of the auditorium.

Kristen brought back a DVD of the trail system in AZ.

Eric asked about the Horizon Drive project and wanted to know if it could be taken all the way to the airport. Kathy said she'd take a look.

Dan passed out a flier for a fun on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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