

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

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes**  
**April 14, 2015**

**Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Biz Collins	Julie Sabin	Eric Marchese
Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D	Dr. Kristen Heumann	

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vera Korsella with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, public, Jeff Fleming, public, Jody Kliska, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Need to find out if Scott is still interested. Julie will call him.

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

**Announcements** – UTC summer meeting schedule. Kristin will be at the May meeting and probably August. Eric may miss the June meeting. Michele will be gone in the month of September.

**Old Business** –

Safe Routes to Schools Bike Rodeos – started this week and will run through the last full week of the end of school.

Review revised revisions to the Strategic Plan – Kathy said she repackaged what had been discussed and suggests that the table becomes UTC’s goals for the year. Group to review and get comments to Kathy. Jeff suggested looking at Bylaws for goals. Kristen said need to make goals measurable.

Bike to School Month – May 15<sup>th</sup>. So far no school has said they are participating. Discussed moving to a different month since School District 51 gets out earlier than schools on the Front Range.

Bike Month is June and Bike to Work Day in June 24<sup>th</sup> – Talked about UTC putting on an event, Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Perhaps doing a group ride with riders coming in for Proclamation from the City and then having the Gelu Italian Ice cart coming downtown for the event. Kathy thought it would be good to do the Mayors’ Challenge Proclamation at the same time.

GVB is interested in volunteering on the UTC’s event. Group likes the idea.

Kathy said the City received a technical assistant grant from the Sonoran's Institute. Have a design team in town today and tomorrow. Open house tomorrow 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the Mesa County Central Services Building

Kathy said she will come prepared with info regarding the Mayors' Challenge. April 21<sup>st</sup> is first web forum.

User Map – Biz and Eric have met and will hopefully have something to share at the next meeting.

Kristen talked about starting a Certificate program for the Safe Routes to School program. Want to have at least one certified person at each school in the School District to keep the program sustainable. Need to figure out how many credits, course objective and what would be needed to receive certification. Timeline – could work on doing this summer and put in the fall curriculum. Safe Routes to School Ambassadors.

There was no further old business.

**New Business** – The Tabeguache Ridge Area Interconnect Line – TRAIL – Jeffrey Fleming gave presentation on ShareFest cleanup this weekend and then the COPMOBA work day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also talked about wanting to connect the Tabeguache Ridge Trail to the Lunch Loop Trail – natural dirt trail. He put a map together of things of the improvements the Ridges would like to see.

Kathy said she has talked with Parks about the project and they are supportive but the Urban Trails Committee can't give permission to build the trail. The City will need to survey the open space and talk to the landowners. She reiterated that the trail can't be built until Parks give permission to move forward with the project.

Kathy recommends that UTC give support of the Painted Bowl if they support with a well, sustainable built trail. She said the City met today to discuss the needed trail work/repairs needed in the Ridges and that UTC works with Jeffrey on the trail and trail improvements needed. Kathy would like a motion/letter that she can pass onto Parks regarding the Painted Bowl. Julie motioned that UTC supports a well built and sustainable built trail. Biz second. Motion passed.

Question asked how folks get down to Monument Road. Long term would like to see a box culvert under Monument Road to safely get folks from one side to the other of Monument Road.

Jeffrey will continue to move forward and work with Mike Vendegna with the City Parks.

Development Review Process – Kathy said that the City has been drafting comments and sharing with UTC co-chairs. She said they can draft the comment letters and put on UTC letterhead and get signed and then bring to UTC meeting.

Vera said that Bennett Boecheinstein has engineers working on Horizon Drive Trail.

MOG First is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

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