

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION  
683-4333**

**Urban Trails Committee**

**Minutes  
May 19, 2015**

**Called to Order**

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

Julie Sabin  
David Lehmann

Eric Marchese  
Dr. Kristin Heumann

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Bennett Boeschstein, City GJ Council Member, Kayla Dobson, public and Michele Rohrbach.

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

Did introductions around the table for new member David.

Kathy said she has tried to contact Scott McBrayer and Julie has tried to contact him asking him to resign.

**Announcements** – CRCS schedule, Young Dubliners, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Robert Earl Keen, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Los Lonely Boys, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Old Business** –

User Map – Eric talked about the draft map and what the layout will look like. Asked everyone to review for mistakes. Think bike shops should contribute a small amount - \$50 for the privilege of being mentioned on the map. Healthy Mesa County will get up on the website as quickly as possible. Kristin suggested that the bike shop should have to print the maps in order to have available to pass out to customers.

Strategic Plan revisions – Kathy passed around a revised copy, Kristin was the only one to get her comments regarding measurable goals. Jeff has comments but he didn't get them to Kathy before the meeting.

Eric asked about doing a business survey. Kathy said they were thinking about a survey for those participating in Bike to Work Day. Eric will work on some questions for the next meeting. Dave asked about data. Kathy said there was some from the 2040 plan but the numbers seemed really high. Need to localize.

Bike to Work Month – Biz needs help so if anyone is available, please let her know. Wingate's bike rodeo is this Friday.

Bike to Work Month is June and Bike to Work Day is June 24<sup>th</sup>.

UTC was going to order t-shirts for Bike to Work Day. Need to order now. Eric liked the green in the poster. Michele will get an email out to UTC members to let them know about sizing and get the sizes to Kathy. Kathy can only pay for UTC members. Non-UTC members will need to pay for theirs.

Discussed the National Bike to Work Month in May and would like to align some event with the National Month, especially for schools and CMU.

Reviewed the Proclamation/Kickoff event route map on June 3rd. Get info out via PSA, email blasts to all organizations and groups. Michele to get Gelu info to Julie, Kathy. Julie and Biz would like to see all UTC members to bring at least two people. Action Item – flier and invitation needs to be drafted and sent out. Julie will get with Biz and Kathy.

There was no further old business.

**New Business** – Mayors’ Challenge, Kathy said the webinar was terrible. She reminded everyone that the City has taken the challenge. She passed around a packet of info explaining what the challenge is about and a list of participating Cities. Very few cities in CO are participating. Group reviewed what challenges they want to do: Proclamation and family ride on June 3. Kathy said when new streets are done the City does do Complete Streets, doesn’t happen when doing overlay. Do have a Safe Routes to School, RIHEL. Working on brochure and would like to work on educating the public. Share the roads signs. Fix Barriers – UTC, transit stops – need works, transportation project – big projects yes, smaller projects no, same as the previous one, new or altered – yes. Gathering data, MC has a counter on Monument View Trail (MVT) and Trail Host turn in numbers on a regular basis. Need to come up with a plan and implement. Design Right – yes to first two. Have a great Engineering Department and RTRO is doing a really good job thanks to Biz Collins and Dean Bessler being with that office. Create Networks – No, not so much. Could readjust lane width when restriping to include bike lanes. Improve Laws – UTC is doing gaps. Educate and Enforce – down the road, other work needs to be done first.

Julie asked if now is a good time to go for a Complete Street Policy. Bennett said he would take it to the City Council if UTC drafts a letter. Kathy suggests UTC works on the policy and formulate what they want to send onto City Council.

Should know by next meeting what designation (if any) the City received for their Bicycle Friendly Community.

Kathy asked everyone to review.

CBGD/Safe Routes Schools – Bennett reviewed the budget and said that the grant request to Orchard Avenue Elementary has been approved. Kathy said the improvements to Elm will happen at a different time. She explained how the improvements would work for drop off/pick up which will make it safer and improve traffic flow on Orchard (no longer backing up for parents dropping off/pickup kids).

West Lake - pedestrian improvements to West Orchard – Kathy said only able to get half of it and need Bennett helps getting it from CDGB. Bennett will help get it into the regular budget in 2016.

Bennett would like to see the Horizon Drive trail done behind the hotels and Bookcliff Country Club. Bennett has the language for the easement (which was used for Audubon Trail). Will need to have a survey done. Unfortunately City staff is really busy but need to get on their schedule.

**Public Comment** – Julie said it seems like some of the trail was built that Jeffery Fleming mentioned on May 2<sup>nd</sup> but it appears that some of it has been washed out. Julie talked about needing standards and a procedural list of what people wanting to build trails in open space need to follow.

Julie said the meeting with the Sonoran on I-70B was really good. Kathy said presentation will be given to City Council; she's not sure where on the agenda and will get info to all UTC members. After presentation, she'll get the info out to UTC members.

Kayla added for June 3<sup>rd</sup> event – didn't list notifying the media. Kathy said the City can do a press release.

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