

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION
683-4333 (Riverfront Commission Office)**

Urban Trails Committee

**Minutes
August 11, 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	Dr. Kristin Heumann	Max Schmidt
Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D	Eric Marchese	Dan Fitzgerald

Also present Kathy Portner, Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction; Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Jody Kliska, Lindsay Murdoch public and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Kristin mentioned still showing Colorado Riverfront Commission on top of minutes and her name is still misspelled, should be with an “i” not an “e”. Max/Kristin. Motion passed.

Announcements – Last Colorado Riverfront Series concert is September 2nd.
RFC office closed September 4th through October 5th.
IGA meeting is September 3rd at 7:00am at the BLM office.
Tour of the Moon – Michele needs volunteers (forgot sign up sheet but will email out to group).

New Business – Palisade Complete Streets Policy. The Town of Palisade has passed their policy. Frank Watt said it took about two months to write and approve. Frank will be doing a presentation at TAC meeting tomorrow.

Grand Junction’s next step - Kathy asked if there were a few UTC members that would like to work with her and Paul to develop a frame work to bring back and present to UTC members at the September meeting. Dan, Kristin, and Julie said they’d be willing to work as a subcommittee. Vara and Jody said they’d be interested too. Paul said he would put something together after tomorrow’s TAC meeting and reviewed Palisade’s Policy.

Bike Share program – reviewed scope of work that Jody had done when she was still working for the City. Discussed some areas where to put bikes, Colorado Mesa University (CMU), downtown, hotels and even points down at the Riverfront trail.

Kristin said that there is strong bike presence for students at CMU. Their program is where students pay \$100 for four years and keep the bike for the four years. Always run out of bikes.

Discussed “green” bike lane on 10th. Bennett Boeshenstein talked about doing a protected bike lane on 10th but Kathy doesn’t think it would be necessary.

Kathy said need to do a feasibility study, perhaps for a pilot program. Paul will mention it at the TAC meeting tomorrow and query members. Biz can also help. Will need to find grant monies for the study. Grants mentioned Kaiser and DOLA.

Eric asked if could tie into projects in the works such as Horizon Drive and downtown.

Finalize letter to City of I-70B – review draft of letter. Eric thinks need to allow for bikes along with cars at the First and Grand intersection. Paul said can support the plan but that doesn't mean can't make changes as that phase will be built. Current plan is just a concept.

Kathy feels should refine the letter but don't take to City Council until UTC has something else to present before City Council. Suggested bundling it with the circulation plan. Jody asked if having a Complete Street Policy bundled with circulation plan would make sense. Kathy thinks it would be a good idea.

There was no further new business.

Old Business –

User Map – Biz told Julie that there was still some work on the map. Steve Smith just handed a new draft to Kathy before the UTC meeting. Chelsea with the Mesa County Health Department will be doing the back of the map. Currently online at Health Mesa County and City GIS. Kathy thinks should print a limited number for bike shops and perhaps charge \$.50/map. Otherwise it can be printed online.

Development Review – Kathy said projector wasn't working so she stated the City staff is reviewing development plans and making recommendations on behalf of UTC. She said the City can email comments made to UTC members. Kathy will show and explain the process at the next meeting.

Eric asked if UTC could get involved with the design for street construction.

Trail development process – came about regarding Jeffrey Fleming's project. Would have a form that developer would have to complete and give to UTC for review. City staff would review and do necessary research. UTC would be able to approve or reject based on the application. Kathy will work on descriptive paragraph. Will need to develop application and then public hearing before UTC. Will post announcements.

Webinar – Julie said was really good. All members should have received an email with the information. Kristin suggested coming up with handbook filled with innovative designs that would help with application review.

Paul thinks need to put together a list where innovative designs could be used in the early development/redevelopment design. Will further discuss next month.

Kathy mentioned that she; Julie and Michele have tried to contact Scott without much luck. Kathy asked about removing him from the UTC Board. Kristin/Jeff. Motion passed to remove Scott McBrayer from UTC.

Strategic Plan Revisions – will be discussing at the September workshop. Kathy will summarize the workshop since Michele will be on vacation. Will look at low hanging fruit and put a priority list. Meeting the Mayor's Challenge, Innovation application, updating priority list on a yearly basis.

Elections in October. Inviting GJPD to talk about enforcement.

There was no further old business.

Public Comment – Jody said free webinar on August 27th at 11:00am. Jody will forward info to members.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:50pm.