

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes December 8, 2015

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair, Dr. Kristin Heumann. Those present from the Committee were:

Biz Collins	Dr. Kristin Heumann	Dave Lehmann, Vice Chair
Julie Sabin	Dan Fitzgerald	Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D

Also present Kathy Portner, Trent Prall, and Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID), Terri Wenslaff, and Kayla Dodson, public, Bennett Boeschentien, GJ City Council Member and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – October: Biz/Dan. November: Biz/Dan. Motion passed.

Announcements – Colorado Gives Day – still time to make a donation. Riverfront (RFC) currently down about \$2,000 from goal.

RFC office on flexible hours during the week of Christmas through New Years - December 21st through January 4th.

New Business – There was no new business.

Old Business –

Strategic Plan approval – Julie/Dave. Motion Passed.

Urban Trails Master Plan Update Process – Meeting moved into work session. Kathy gave a brief history of the UTC Map, the map currently being used and the proposed revised map that was met with resistance and not approved. At a workshop with the City Council, UTC was directed to work on a revised plan that reduced the scope to the Grand Junction urban area.

Kathy suggested incorporating the UTC priority list and the complete streets policy into the process for updating the Urban Trails Plan.

Trent gave an update on the plans to reconstruct 1st Street from Ouray to North. The proposed design is to reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two, with center turn pockets, medians, bike lanes and sidewalks. The project will begin in late 2016, with completion in 2017. Trent will brief UTC at January 12th meeting and the plans will be discussed with City Council at their workshop on Jan. 18th. The committee encouraged finding spots along the corridor to implement innovative ideas.

The group reviewed the existing Urban Trails Master Plan and marked it up with proposed connections included on the UTC priority list. Kristin emphasized the need for more North and South connections. Biz recommended providing bike lanes wherever possible, with bike routes only where there isn't sufficient right-of-way. Jeff recommended striping bike lanes as streets are resurfaced.

Biz distributed Safe Routes to School priorities and walk audits for review prior to the January UTC meeting.

There was no further old business.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:00pm.