

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes January 12, 2016

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair, Dr. Kristin Heumann. Those present from the Committee were:

Dr. Kristin Heumann
Dan Fitzgerald

Dave Lehmann, Vice Chair
Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D

Julie Sabin

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID), Jody Kliska, public, Kent Leinbach, public, Bennett Boeschentien, GJ City Council Member and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Julie/David. Motion passed.

Announcements – RFC office closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Day.

New Business –

Updated Priority List – Kristin handed out the updated priority list. She asked if UTC members felt compelled to keep the 20 ¾ Road Colorado River crossing under Tier 2 on the UTC Priority List. Group would like to keep it on a list somewhere (believe it's on the 2040). Will be dropped from UTC's Priority List.

The UTC recommended adding F ½ Road sidewalks from Thunder Mountain Elementary to 30 Road as a tier 1 priority and also adding it to the Safe Routes to School priority list. The UTC also recommended adding 30 Road bike lane from F ½ Road to North Avenue as a tier 3 project. Dan made a motion to approve the revised list; second by David; motion passed unanimously.

Bennett discussed the Governor's 16 in 16 initiative and indicated that the 27 ½ Road to 29 Road section of the Riverfront trail is one of the recommended sections. Kathy said that the Grand Valley entities were asked to supply more information regarding the Riverfront trail, so believes the trail project is a contender for the program. Should hear within the next week or so.

Kristin passed around a list with UTC's 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Action Items. She asked members to review the list to see if anything was missing. David said for the Mayor's Challenge should list events/activities. Kathy will revise list. Need to add plan for the 2017 Summit. Kristin and Kathy will work on the list so UTC can work on one item at each meeting or perhaps quarterly.

David suggested that the User Map be moved to 2016 for publication. Julie suggested that trail development evaluation form be moved to 2016.

Julie made a motion to approve the revised list; second by David; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

Urban Trails Master Plan Update Process – Kristin handed out the Grand Valley Circulation Plan. Kathy explained that the City is working on revising the Grand Valley Circulation plan and should combine with the UTC Master Plan to take to the public. Plan would include three elements: streets and transit, non-motorized, goals and policies. With regards to the non-motorized portion, would like to get away from lines on a map and go with a more generalized map of how to move people. More detailed maps for identified areas could be worked on within the City's growth boundaries - downtown to the Mall, downtown to Colorado Mesa University.

Kristin suggested developing the complete streets policy first using Palisade's policy as a starting point. Dan asked if it would be feasible for UTC to go before City Council in stages with 1) Complete Streets Policy, 2) UTC Policies and 3) Map or whatever UTC decides if it's a detail map or a generalized map. Kathy will take all the suggestions back to the City and County committee that is working on the Circulation Plan.

Bike Share grant (Peoples for Bikes) was denied. Will continue to look for other opportunities.

Safe Routes to Schools – Kathy reported that an application went in for this round of funding to implement programs at elementary and middle schools.

There was no further old business.

Public Comment – Jody said she ran into Martha Roskowsi with Peoples for Bikes (<http://www.bicycleretailer.com/north-america/2014/01/09/roskowsi-promoted-peopleforbikes#.Vpfd-r-hlBpU>). Her brother lives here and she'd be happy to come speak to UTC. Kristin asked if she would come and speak at an evening event similar to what the Water Center does. Kathy will contact her.

Kent asked if anyone has seen the London Underground Map. It's a map with lines but no geographically info on it. He also asked if there was a way to talk with the County Transportation department. Kathy explained that the City and County work together.

There was no further public comment.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Next agenda:

Safe Routes to School priority for CDBG

Bike to School Day in April

Complete Streets Policy

Bring back revised Map from last meeting