

## **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

### **Urban Trails Committee (UTC)**

#### **Minutes February 9, 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  
Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D

David Lehmann, Vice Chair  
Biz Collins

Julie Sabin

Also present Kathy Portner, Trent Prall with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID), John Hodges, public, Mary Comms, public Bennett Boeschstein, City of Grand Junction City Council member and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Biz/David. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – RFC office closed February 15, 2016.

#### **New Business** –

1<sup>st</sup> Street update – Trent presented an overview of the proposed reconstruction of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, between Ouray and North Avenue. To better accommodate all modes—pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles—a road diet is proposed. The road diet will reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two, with center turn pockets where needed, and include medians, on-street parking, bike lanes and detached, widened sidewalks. 1<sup>st</sup> Street north of North Avenue will be chip-sealed and restriped. CDOTs HWY 6 & 50 project at Grand Avenue and south through downtown isn't scheduled until 2019 and beyond.

There was some discussion about innovative treatments along the corridor, especially at North Avenue.

16 in 2016 – Kathy updated UTC that the Riverfront Trail was chosen as one of the 16 in 2016 projects, as was the Palisade Plunge. The designation doesn't necessarily come with funding, but does give preference with various State funding sources. Frank Watt with the Riverfront Commission is coordinating the efforts to put together a strategy to complete the trail.

#### **Old Business** –

Grand Valley Circulation Plan – Biz and Kathy discussed the process for developing the Grand Valley Circulation Plan that will include a street plan, active transportation plan, and policies, including a Complete Streets Policy for the urban area covered by the Comprehensive Plan. The Urban Trails Committee will play a major part in developing the Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Plan.

Complete Streets Policy – Kristin passed around a copy of Palisade’s and Phoenix’s Complete Streets Policy and suggested they could be used as a starting point for UTC. Bennett reminded the group that the City generally adheres to complete streets ideas with projects. Kristin commented that the language used needs to resonate with the people of Grand Junction. Trent showed some other examples of Complete Streets policies.

Kristin suggested having a smaller group start working on the Complete Street policy to bring back to UTC. Julie and Kristin volunteered to work with Kathy on it.

Trent said the Grand Valley Circulation Plan should be completed by year end. Biz commented on the need for broad based support prior to it going before the Planning Commission and City Council.

There was no further old business.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

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