

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes November 8, 2016

Called to Order

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

David Lehmann, Vice Chair
Biz Collins

Dr. Kristin Heumann
Max Schmidt

Also present Kathy Portner, Trent Prall with City of Grand Junction, John Hodge, public, Kelsey Fife, Health Promotion Specialist with Mesa County Health Department, Emma Malmquist, Colorado Mesa University (CMU) student, Jody Kliska with Mesa County RTPO and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Max. Motion passed.

Announcements – Broadway and Redlands Parkway Open House on November 9th, 4:00pm to 9:00pm.

Walk Friendly Assessment – Kathy sent out emails to those folks assigned to work on their sections. She reported that it was in good shape to meet the December deadline.

Printing of Bike Maps – David discussed printing the bike map even though it's available online. He brought in a map from Albuquerque, NM which is really nice. Biz will get RTPO cost estimates to Kathy. Kathy said may not be able to print until after the first of the year.

Protocol for Bike Lane Maintenance – David said Jeff mentioned this a while back and wondered if there could be more maintenance done to bike lanes, especially in key areas. Is it an equipment issue? Could volunteers be used? Trent suggested reporting through the "Fix It" or email him with hot spots. John will have his group compile a list and turn it into Trent.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP) – All draft pieces are in place including the Complete Streets Policy. Open Houses will be scheduled after the first of the year. The City Manager still needs to be advised of the project and focus groups will be critical.

Safe Routes to School – The walk audits have been completed. A discussion ensued on how to make the program sustainable – suggestions included having a position responsible for it through RTPO, CMU or Healthy Mesa County. Jody said it will be important to get the District on board. Champions within the schools are the PE teachers. The idea of a certification program was discussed again that could count toward Continuing Education credits required for teachers. The group felt it would be most appropriate for the coordination to be with the Health Department.

Max asked if he could get copies of recent grants so he can talk with the new Colorado contact with the Walton Family Foundation for funding.

Trent talked about the RTCA and National Parks Service grant the City is working on for Monument Road. There will be more information after the first of the year.

Max would like to take the group on a tour of his canal sometime after the first of the year.

David asked if he could get a copy of the Canal Trail Feasibility Study from 1996. Michele said she has numerous copies.

Public Comment –

John said that Mesa County Bicycle Alliance will meet on November 16th at LTR Multi-Sport to see what other communities are doing – what works and what doesn't.

Great signage on detour down along the Las Colonias trail.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:15pm.