

## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

### Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

#### Minutes October 11, 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, Chair  
Orin Zyvan

Also present Trent Prall and Paul Jagim, City of Grand Junction; Vara Kusal, Horizon Business District; John Hodge, public; Jody Kliska, Mesa County RTPO; Kayla Dodson, public and Michele Rohrbach.

**Approval of Minutes** – Biz/Orin to approve. Motion passed 4-0.

**Announcements** – aRT project Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> on the riverfront trail.

**Innovative Bike Lanes** – Paul talked about other options besides signage for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Colorado Mesa University (CMU) project. If painted, bike lanes need to be green and the paint needs to be non-slick and long lasting, thus is expensive. CMU would like to do Mavs colors along the bike route, which could be utilized at the crosswalks. They would also like to include their Mav bike symbol in the bike lane, which could be allowed. Paul also mentioned the idea of placing banners along 10<sup>th</sup> Street to further define the bike route. Kristin suggested looking into protected bike lanes along 10<sup>th</sup> Street - keeping the pedestrians and bikes separated from traffic.

**Covered secured bike parking** – Orin shared photos of examples of covered secured bike parking from other communities. The group was asked to think about spots that might work and discussed using the City parking garage on Rood Avenue.

**Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP)** – The public process for the Grand Valley Circulation Plan will start after the first of the year. All work currently being done is following complete streets policy.

1<sup>st</sup> Street will be out to bid sometime in December with construction to start in January. Should take five to six months.

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** – Jody showed the Safe Routes to School grant presentation. Terri Wenzlaff and Jennifer Fox Colwell are coordinators working on walk audits at elementary and middle schools. The total grant award was \$78,623 and \$20,888 is set aside for promotions activities, including bus passes for middle school students. Additional bikes and a trailer have been purchased. There have been three trainings already and maps are being developed. Other

activities include walking & wheeling Wednesdays, parent engagement, the 5 E's message, helmet fitting, and general outreach.

**Walk to School Day** – Walk to School day is being celebrated Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> by many of the local schools. Mesa County Health Department is coordinating the event. A Proclamation will be read on Monday at 9:00 at the County Commissioners meeting.

**10<sup>th</sup> Street Event.** The Open Streets event on 10<sup>th</sup> Street has been delayed until spring. Biz suggested planning it in conjunction with National Bike to School week in May. Kristin thought April would be a better time for the CMU students.

**Other business** – Trent reviewed the design concept for 1<sup>st</sup> and Grand and said it will handle anticipated traffic volumes through 2035.

The ribbon cutting for the North Avenue Complete Streets project will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. across from the stadium.

**Public Comment** – John said that Steve Carter with Mesa County Bicycle Alliance sent out a questionnaire to all the local candidates and some responded.

He also asked if the bicycle map was ready and complemented Steve Smith on doing a great job.

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