

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes December 13, 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 Shana Wade
Biz Collins

Also present were Trent Prall and Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Kayla Dodd, public, Kelsey Fife with Mesa County Health Department, Craig Rollibard, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Quorum was not present.

Announcements – There were no announcements.

Walk Friendly Assessment – Kathy said that everyone has been working on getting her data for the application deadline of December 15th; however, she recommended waiting until the Complete Street Policy is adopted to apply. There will be two rounds in 2017. Those present agreed. She also said that the City Manager is supportive of UTC applying for the WFA rating.

David stated he picked up the BBC Study from Michele. She has more copies if other members would like a copy and would like to find a copy of the report that was done in 1996.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP) – Kathy reported that they hope to start the process in earnest after the first of the year. She and Trent will be meeting with City management staff and hope to have the focus group meetings and open houses the first quarter of 2017.

Safe Routes to School – Biz said last Wednesday Jody and Todd met with Steve Schultz to talk through the program and review the draft report. Walk audits are completed. Parent engagement activities are planned in the spring.

David talked about the COPRIG report he found on line. He will send Michele the link so she can send out to members not present tonight.

David mentioned that Kathy would like to explore adding a representative from the RTPO and Health Department and he wanted to know what other members thought about it. David has some ambivalence. Michele stated that the Riverfront has ex-officio members from the City of Fruita, City of Grand, and Town of Palisade. They attend meetings and give comments but they do not get to vote.

Public Comment – Craig asked about the maps he dropped off with Steve Smith in GIS a while back. He was wondering if the maps had made their way to the UTC members. He said these maps were from Tucson are really good. They are free and available at all bicycle shops. They are printed by Pima County and come in various sizes.

The status of the bike route map was discussed. Biz said printing quotes are needed and then funding to print them. Kathy stated at previous meeting that her budget might have some funds available after the first of the year – depending on her final budget.

Craig mentioned the intersection at 7th and Patterson where drivers are turning even though there is a sign stating “Left on Green Arrow” only. He thinks that the “Yield to Pedestrian” sign could be causing some confusion. Trent suggested submitting the comment to the “Fix It” page on the City’s website.

Trent spoke about the Monument Road Trail corridor and the plan for kick off meetings in February or March to help with the Master Planning. Mesa Land Trust and the City are working with the National Parks Service on the project as well as several other agencies.

Trent said that John Hodge’s Bicycle Alliance meeting in November was really good. Trent gathered many notes from all the presentations done that night. He said UTC could start doing something like that at each meeting.

Craig asked about signs. Biz said some pilot signs were installed on 10th. Kelsey mentioned that having too many signs can lead to people ignoring them.

The realigned trail through Las Colonias should be completed by the end of December or early January. The slough work is done and the foundation is in for the amphitheater.

Discussed sections of trails that wash out.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:15pm.