

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes January 17, 2017

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice-Chair, David Lehmann. Those present from the Committee were:

David Lehmann, Vice Chair
Orin Zyvan

Shana Wade
Max Schmidt

Also present were Paul Jagim and Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Kelsey Fife with Mesa County Health Department, Terri Wenzel, John Hodge, and Steve Carter.

Approval of Minutes – Max/Orin to approve the minutes of Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, 2016 (4-0).

2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Goals

2016 Action Items:

- Mayor's Challenge—program complete; need to summarize accomplishments
- Complete Streets Policy—draft complete
- Bike Share Feasibility Study—determined GJ not ready for full-scale bike share program
- Implement an innovative pilot project—10th Street signs
- Baseline data collection—data collection from permanent and temporary counters collected
- Coordinate an evening walk/bike education and outreach event—no action
- Bike Month Activities—kick-off event and breakfast successful
- Coordinate an Open Streets Event—discussed doing it in conjunction with CMU Homecoming week
- Urban Trails Plan Update—draft completed
- Develop a Bike/Ped Plan—need baseline data to develop measurable goals
- Input on street design—UTC had input on 1st Street design
- Develop a webpage for UTC—posted bike/ped map on City's website and Healthy Mesa County

2017 Action Items:

- Adoption of Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Corridor Map as part of GV Circulation Plan
- Innovative Pilot project—wayfinding connecting Riverfront trail to destinations (i.e. downtown); bike-box at key intersection (i.e. 1st and Main/10th and North); intersection signal detectors
- Establish baseline data—surveys through the Health Dept.

- Identify discrete projects for funders
- Develop UTC website—include public comment opportunity
- Bike check out program through the library
- Coordinate evening speaker event
- Bike Month activities—kick-off event
- Open Streets event—10th Street
- Develop protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure; review street maintenance projects for 2017
- Prioritize SRTS projects
- Walk Friendly Community Designation

UTC will review the list at the next meeting.

UTC Membership

UTC discussed the merits of having 2 of the 9 committee positions designated for regular representation from the Health Dept. and RTPO. There was some concern about having those representatives as voting members and that there might be other agencies that should also be represented. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Pedestrian crossing at 12th and Wellington

John Hodge presented concerns for pedestrians navigating the 12th and Wellington intersection to access City Market. Sidewalk is discontinuous along the south side of Wellington and crossing Wellington at the 12th Street intersection is dangerous due to the volume of turning movements. The cross-walk beacon, located east of 12th Street is too far east to be used by pedestrians coming from the west. UTC agreed that this issue should be added to the priority list and, perhaps, considered for CDBG funding.

SRTS

Terri reported that the walk audits are being presented to the principals.

Public Comment

Kelsey will be coordinating the Bike to Work Month committee. Shana asked to be included. John Hodge mentioned that driver compliance with the 7th and Elm pedestrian crossing is not good.

Max would like to schedule a tour of the Orchard Mesa canal system in late May.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:00pm.