

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes July 11, 2017

#### Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair, Dr. Kristin Heumann. Those present from the Committee were:

Dr. Kristin Heumann	David Lehmann, Vice Chair
Shana Wade	Orin Zyvan

Also present were Kathy Portner, Trent Prall, Paul Jagim – City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal, Horizon Drive Business District, Mathew Lucero, Jack Byrum, Jody Kliska, Casey Conway and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcements** – There were no announcements.

**Approval of Minutes** – Shana/David-- motion was passed.

**Summary of Bicycle Month Activities** – Kathy reported a good turn-out for Bike to Work Day, with an estimated 250 at the Grand Junction City Hall breakfast. Vara reported a low turn-out for the Horizon Drive breakfast. There was no report for Fruita's. The After Glow was well attended and Biz did a great job as MC.

**Open Streets Events** – The subcommittee has met and is recommending calling it the Community Streets event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which is CMU's parents weekend and the downtown art festival. Kristin noted that the football game starts at 1:00pm that day and that the team and band will be marching to the stadium. Orin suggested having them march down 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Gunnison as part of the event.

**TAC meeting coordination** – David commented that he has been the informal UTC person attending these meetings but suggested Biz be that contact since she is the official appointee from the RTPO to the UTC.

**S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street directional signage** – Paul relayed his experience biking from Orchard Mesa to downtown with his 6-year old son on Bike to Work Day and the need for better bike lanes. He suggested that UTC brainstorm ideas for future improvements to make it a safer and more desirable route. A short-term fix would be to install better signage, similar to what was installed along 10<sup>th</sup> Street. He will bring a signage plan to the next meeting.

**Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP)** – Kathy reported that once the City Council approves their strategic plan, the focus group meetings can be scheduled.

**Safe Routes to School** – Jody said that 85% of the grant has been spent and that the remaining budget will be used to purchase incentives for Walking & Wheeling week and the Community Streets event. The hope is that the School District will continue the Safe Routes to School programs.

**Other business/Innovation Ideas** – There was no other business.

**Public Comment** – Jack Byrum stated his concern, as a bicycle commuter, with the safety of the riverfront trail, especially through Las Colonias. He would like to see a yellow center line from one end of the park to the other and more signage.

Casey Conway commented on safety concerns along the S. Broadway section of the Monument Loop. She suffered major injuries when someone turned left in front of her and the driver only received an \$85 ticket. She's concerned that the jurisdictional issues have resulted in no one taking responsibility for it. Paul said that he would bring up the issues at a meeting scheduled to discuss this section of road. The committee also agreed to put on the project priority list.

Orin commented on the great job done on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and asked if UTC could review the plans being developed by CDOT for the continuation of the HWY 6 & 50 improvements through downtown.

Several Safe Routes to School projects are currently being constructed. One is moving a crosswalk and restriping near Pear Park Elementary School. In addition, the two CDBG projects recommended by UTC last year will be under construction soon, which is the El Poso sidewalk along Mulberry and additional sidewalk extension near Nisley Elementary. City Council also approved UTC top two priorities for this year's CDBG funding for sidewalk improvements near Bookcliff Middle School and Recreation Center, as well as along Orchard Avenue from 29 ½ Road.

**Adjournment** – 6:30pm.