

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes April 11, 2017

Called to Order

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

David Lehmann, Vice Chair	Shana Wade
Orin Zyvan	Max Schmidt
Biz Collins	

Also present were Trent Prall, Kathy Portner – City of Grand Junction, Kelsey Fife with Mesa County Health Department, Vera Kursal, Horizon Drive Business District, John Hodge and Michele Nelson, Mesa County Bicycle Alliance (MCBA)/public, Jody Kliska, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Shana second. The motion was passed.

(Jay on May meeting agenda)

Announcements – There were no announcements.

Bicycle Activists Month – Biz discussed PSA's and the kickoff event and t-shirts. She passed around a copy of previously used PSA's. She will email them to Michele to send to the group. Kathy asked the group to choose a t-shirt color – previous years were rusty orange, sky blue, they went with gray.

Kathy talked about the kickoff event and how it has been done in the past – kicked off at 5:30pm and then went into council at 7:00pm, however, the council now meets at 6:00pm so she is proposing to do the kickoff at 5:30pm, then go council at 6:00pm and do the ride after. Biz asked about the poster done in the past, she has a template and will take care of putting something together. Gelu and Octopus Coffee have participated in the past.

PSAs – UTC has talked about doing PSAs and didn't know if want to do again. In the past Biz would submit and they would either record or just read on the air. John H. said that there needs to be an English version directed to drivers similar to the Spanish speaking version.

Discussed possibility of crafting a Press Release. Kathy said that Sam Rainguet could help with the Press Releases for the City. Kelsey will check with Katie Goddeyne with the County to see if she can help. Biz asked the group if they were in agreement with doing the PSAs. All agreed and she will put them all on one sheet and get to Kathy to pass onto Sam to coordinate with Mesa County Health Department.

Kelsey said still working on donations and prizes. Have reached out to five organizations and still waiting to hear from them.

Talked about changing the date to May for next year so Mesa County may be going alone on the date change. Will need to see if can use the statewide poster design, etc. This is more in line with the National Bike Month. School District would like to see it moved to May.

Open Streets – Kristin wasn't able to attend. Looking at doing in the fall and tying in with Mavs month/week. Kathy said Downtown will be tying in the Mavs events too. Kristin said CMU groups would be lining 10th Street. Talked about having Food Trucks on the open streets. Need to get people downtown. Discussed south of Belford and going all the way to Grand. Not sure if they can close all the way to downtown but there is the park there. Can't close Grand and Gunnison. Will need to check on flagging needs and what would be required and if it's possible. Really want CMU involved along with the DDA with music and art.

Next month – look at dates and set a date, look at what would be feasible. Orin talked about some ideas of what they did in Portland. David said can set up a subcommittee if needed to help move along. Everyone is to bring ideas.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP) – Kathy said presented to the City Council and Planning Commission. She thinks it was well received. There was some trepidation with regard to canal trails being shown as part of the plan. Now need to do the focus groups to get community involvement. Think first focus group should be canal companies to discuss what is being shown and why. Will be looking to Max for his assistance during the talks. Kathy said that Greg Caton, City Manager and Duncan MacArthur, City Council Member may be the ones to be at the discussion.

Max has June 10th open for a tour (Saturday) could start at the Palisade Plunge and go from there. Will need a head count at the next meeting.

Safe Routes to School – Biz said April 22nd will have a Bike Rodeo planned at the Health Department and helmet decorating. Board and Buckle will be doing bike tune ups. Will be at Outdoor Heritage Days on Saturday, April 27th – Palisade will be doing the rodeo and the group will be helping with helmet decorating. There are schools doing rodeos now if anyone is available to volunteer. John said Biz is welcome to post on the MCBA page.

Other business – Paul was going to get a Propose and Needs statement for data collection. He wasn't able to attend, will add to next months agenda.

Kelsey said Mesa County Health Department is working on the Community Needs Assessment Survey and would encourage potential questions. Kathy said if the group has something that would be beneficial at getting baseline data – Kelsey doesn't think her data manager would accept those types of questions. Open ended questions probably won't work. Kelsey isn't sure on the exact date of when it will go out.

Maps – Biz asked if want to do maps for Bicycle Activities Month. Kathy said the City has the map on the City's website. It currently isn't available on the Healthy Mesa County website. Max said he will look into finding funds to have them printed. Michele stated that most of the

time a printed maps go out of date as soon as they are printed so go with the smallest quantity possible if go with printing.

John said that the counter over by the City Shop is undercounting a massive quantity of users. So may need to do a physical count to get a better idea.

Shana said that the library is working with the DDA and the co-working space for a bike share program. She said she needs a contact at the GJPD for their stash of bikes.

Bike to Work Day – John mentioned a route mentoring program so that people could contact to get friendly routes for Bike to Work Day so they aren't riding their bikes on the streets they normally drive that may not be the best and safest route.

David asked if the City has bike/pedestrian data. Yes, they do. Kathy said she can get the info to the group. He said he just got done reading Fort Collins accident report and he'd be happy to share with the group.

David asked if anyone has any info on CMU CDOT Road X project. Biz said that Dean Bressler has the info. Group wanted to know if there will be a presentation. Group would like to have one. John talked about the activated light project in the Monument.

Public Comment – John asked if the ribbon cutting on B ½ Road overpass. Kathy said it's opened but no ribbon cutting event has happened.

Adjournment – 6:55pm.