

## **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

### **Urban Trails Committee (UTC)**

#### **Minutes August 8, 2017**

#### **Called to Order**

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

Dr. Kristen Heumann	David Lehmann, Vice Chair
Shana Wade Orin	Zyvan
Biz Collins	

Also present were Kathy Portner, Paul Jagim – City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal, Horizon Drive Business District, Bennett Boeschenstein, Mayor Pro-Tem for City of Grand Junction, Sarah Johnson, Mesa County Health Department, Terri Wenzlaff, David Weckerly, John Hodge, Michele Nelson, Matt Lucero, and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcements** – There were no announcements.

**Approval of Minutes** – David/Kristin - motion passed.

#### **Open Streets Event**

David said he updated the Google Drive spreadsheet. Brown Cycles will bring his crazy bikes and the Bike Shop is planning on participating. CMU band will likely not be participating, but there will be some participation from CMU. David Weckerly will request participation by the CMU 20000 group. Downtown BID will assist with marketing. Budget: the City has committed \$800; the Riverfront Foundation has committed \$500; the Lofts Development has committed \$250 and would like to sponsor the Gelu and an application for \$1,000 has been submitted to Alpine Bank. Kathy has spoken to St. Mary's and they are interested. Kristin suggested contacting Tawny Espinoza at Community Hospital. The group reviewed the logo provided by Shana. Shana also has someone working on the map showing the event and connections to other events happening that day. The group agreed to modify the time of the event to 10:00 to 3:00.

#### **Ideas for Improving 10<sup>th</sup> Street Connection**

Various ideas were discussed to improve the 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue intersection, including a “blue box” for bicycles and curb extensions or bulb-outs to improve visibility for pedestrians and shorten the crossing.

Ideas discussed for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street and North Avenue intersection included a “bike box” and camera for bike detection both directions. Also discussed using street banners, both overhead and on street lights, to better define 10<sup>th</sup> Street and a major bike and pedestrian corridor. Better wayfinding signage on campus directing bicyclists and pedestrians to 10<sup>th</sup> Street was also suggested.

The above recommendations should be discussed at the next meeting and added to the priority list once refined.

### **S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Directional Signage**

Better wayfinding signage is needed along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, similar to what has been done on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, showing the connection between downtown and the Riverfront. Some type of entry sign for either end of the striped bike lane was suggested. Angled parking should be eliminated and continuous bike lanes provided. The corridor is scheduled for chip seal in 2018, so there will be an opportunity to paint appropriately. The use of banners along the corridor might also be considered.

**Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP)** –Once the City Council approves their strategic plan focus group meetings will be scheduled.

**Safe Routes to School** – SRTS has called for applications for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects, applications are due Nov 1, 2017. Paul said that the Safe Routes grant opportunities will be discussed at the upcoming RTPO meeting.

Paul reported that improvements at Pear Park Elementary that were identified through the audit will be taken care of in the next few weeks with the relocation of the beacon and the additional of a crosswalk.

### **Other Business/Innovation Ideas**

UTC discussed participating in the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, co-sponsored by Alta Planning and Design and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Pedestrian and Bicycle Council, to obtain baseline data for bike and ped usage and demand (<http://bikepeddocumentation.org/index.php>). Counts and surveys are conducted twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, and all forms and training materials are available on-line. The next count is Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, which is too soon to fully participate, but we might consider doing a pilot survey at a couple of locations and gear up for the Spring count. A good pilot location might be 1st Street.

**Public Comment** – Mesa County Bicycle Alliance is trying to set up a meeting with the Grand Junction Police Department. John said he’ll let the group know if the meeting is before the next UTC meeting.

**Adjournment** – 7:00pm.