

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes September 12, 2017

Called to Order

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

Dr. Kristin Heumann, Chair	Shana	Wade	Max	Schmidt
Orin Zyvan	Dr.	Jack Delmore		Sarah Johnson
David Lehman	Biz	Collins	Gary	Stubler

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kuzal, Horizon Drive BID, Mathew Luceo, Jack Bryom, Craig Robillard, Steve Carter, Greer Hanes and Michele Rohrbach.

Call to Order/Announcements

New members, Jack Delmore and Gary Stubler, were introduced to the Committee.

Announced the Tour de Rock event scheduled for Thursday night to encourage CMU students to ride downtown for live music. Farmers Market will be at CMU on 9/21.

Approval of Minutes – Shana/Max to approve the minutes.

Community Streets Event – The subcommittee continues to meet at 11:00am on Wednesdays. The event is on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. 10th Street will be closed from Belford to Main Street, and Main Street from 7th to 10th Streets. Intersections will remain open at 10th and Gunnison and 10th and Grand. The flyer with a map on the back shows all the events planned that day. There are 9 sponsors and 20 groups and organizations participating.

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project – David outlined a plan to do a pilot project to count bicyclists and pedestrians at 1st Street, 10th Street and Horizon Drive. The counts will then be put into a national data collection site. UTC would like to make the count an annual event.

American Fitness Index Student Project (AFI) – Greer gave a brief explanation of what the AFI tool is. Denver is the only community currently listed for the state. Greer will be working on the AFI for Grand Junction. Kristin added that it is in line with the Bicycle Friendly Community designation.

Refinement recommendations for 10th Street – Paul was unable to attend but will bring thoughts on 10th and Grand at next meeting.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP) – City Council’s adopted Strategic Plan includes the adoption of the Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Policy as a key initiative. Staff is working on moving forward with the public participation process this Fall and adoption for Spring of 2018.

Safe Routes to School –Walking and Wheeling Week is first week of October. Many of the schools are continuing to have bike rodeos this year.

Webpage – UTC now has a webpage on the City’s website.

Public Comment –

Safety issues on the riverfront trail, especially through Las Colonias, were discussed and the need for better signage and more enforcement of the rules and regulations.

The Strava app was brought up as a tool to collect data.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:59pm.