

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

**Minutes
October 10, 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		Sarah Johnson		David Lehmann - Vice Chair
Biz	Collins	Gary	Stubler		

Also present David Thornton, Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kuzal, Horizon Drive BID, Mathew Lucero, Kayla Dodson, John Hodge, Michele Nelson – public, Bennett Boeschenstein, Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Monument Lunch Loops meeting tomorrow night at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Max. Motion passed.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan (GVCP) – Dave T. explained the boundaries of the Active Transportation Corridor Master Plan and the Major Street Map. He talked about the work done in 2010 and that of the 2001 Urban Trails Master Plan. He showed a new map called the network map that shows major attractions and how you would get to the areas. Stated that the Active Transportation map would take the place of the Urban Trails Master Plan. Next step will be sitting down with stakeholder groups and then getting the map out to the public for input. Bennett brought up that there are two other communities that have Urban Trails maps – Town of Palisade and City of Fruita and all three maps should overlap.

John asked about schools being taken into consideration in the Active Transportation map. Both Dave and Paul said they are still on the map just not a major attraction. Bennett stated that there is a canal trail, the Audubon Trail and that the County holds all the liability. David L. suggested an action item for next year to update the UTC’s report from the 1990s on the canal/trail issue. Kristin suggested putting together a subcommittee to get a list together- Biz, Max, Gary and Kristin volunteered.

Street Counts – David L. stated that 1st Street was still going through construction during the counts. He noticed that lots of cars parked nearby and people walked to the church during the count on one day, and this might skew the data and make the long-term extrapolation less accurate. Gary did bicycle and pedestrian and car counts on 10th Street and found that bike and ped use was about 38% of total use during the weekday count.

Vara did Horizon Drive – one of the most dangerous routes in Grand Junction. Three deaths in the past five years. Really need to focus making the area much safer. Paul said there is a grant submitted and waiting to hear now.

David L. said he was hoping to get an estimation of daily and annual usage by using the extrapolation calculations but the extrapolated use estimates for the full year were not consistent between the two-hour weekend and weekday counts. David L. and Paul will get together to finish up what is needed to enter data. Will need more volunteers next year to do the counts for longer than two hours and improve the data.

America Walks Grant – \$1,500 grant that helps foster walking – application due November 10th. David L. suggested printing the UTC biking and pedestrian map. Would need to make it self sustaining so can continue the map. Kristin thought that the map would not foster walking. Biz said she thought it was a good idea to use the grant for a “two for”, and print the cycling map on one side and the walking map on the other. Sarah stated that the comments received through their Facebook page were people wanting to know how long will it take and how far it was. Kristin suggested using QR codes on bus stop signs. Orin suggested Google maps which really need to be updated. There isn't much listed for Grand Junction. David said he would include the comments and draft the grant application for the UTC's review.

Community Streets Event – Decided to table until Kathy is back. David L. did pass around the Proclamation. Had at least 250 people. Subcommittee will meet after Kathy gets back. Will give another update next month.

Public Comment – John asked about the failing trail on the Blue Heron Trail. Michele updated as to what she was told by Ron Felt from the City.

Kayla stated that she was on 1st Street and someone wanted to cross the street and put his foot out and she stopped and so did the car on the street. Pedestrian was impressed that it worked.

Sarah talked about Wish for Wheels – new program called T2 which is giving bikes to all students at the second grade level. She was throwing it out because Mesa County Health Department can't take it on but wanted to see if there was a group out there that would like to take it on.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:45pm.