

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes November 14, 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	Jack Delmore
Orin Zyvan	Biz Collins	Gary Stubler
David Lehman, Vice-Chair	Sarah Johnson	

Also present Kathy Portner, Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kuzal, Horizon Drive BID, John Hodge, Michele Nelson, Terri Wenzliff, Steve Carter – public, Bennett Boschenstein, Grand Junction Mayor Pro-Tem and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Walkability Institute – Kristin asked Biz if she wanted to talk about teams. Biz said that it was more an FYI for UTC members rather than trying to put together a team.

Sara Johnson brought up the Wish for Wheels (wishforwheels.org) at the last meeting; Biz said they have five PE teachers interested in the program. The next phase is planning and then getting businesses interested in donating to the program. Kathy asked if there was a role for UTC, Biz said yes in getting businesses to sponsor. Sarah stated that the program would like to do events where it includes bike building at other events to get businesses involved and kids.

Bike Month Committee meeting at 2:00pm at Mesa County Public Health tomorrow in Room 1060.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Sarah. Motion passed.

Nominations for chair and vice-chair – Biz asked if current chair and vice-chair were interested, since they've done such a good job. Both indicated that they were willing to continue. Biz nominated Kristin and David to continue in their currently positions. Motion passed.

2017 Accomplishments and 2018 Action Plan –Kathy reviewed the handout showing 2017 Action Items and a draft of proposed 2018 Action Items.

2017 Action Items:

Adoption of Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Corridor Map as part of GV Circulation Plan

- Policy and Active Transportation Corridor Map completed—an initiative identified in the City's Strategic Plan—adoption in 2018

Innovative Pilot project—wayfinding connecting Riverfront trail to destinations, such as downtown; bike-box at key intersection (i.e. 1st and Main/10th and North); intersection signal detectors and indicators for bicyclists

- Identified potential projects along 10th Street, but have not implemented anything; recommended better signage along S. 7th similar to what's on 10th

Establish baseline data—surveys through Health Department

- National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project--did the pilot count in October on 1st, 10th and Horizon
- Baseline data established through the Save Routes to School programs

Identify discrete projects for funders

- Community Streets Funding
- America Walks Grant request for \$1,500 for mapping

Develop UTC webpage—include public comment section

- Webpage developed

Develop a bike check-out program through the library

- The Library has implemented a bike check-out program at Factory

Coordinate an evening speaker event/develop PSA's

- PSAs developed and released during bike month

Bike Month Activities—sponsor kick-off event

- Successful Bike Month

Open Streets event on 10th Street

- 1st Annual Community Streets Event held

Develop protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure; review street maintenance projects for 2017 for opportunities

- Reviewed 2017 City projects for opportunities

Prioritize SRTS projects

- Projects prioritized and top 2 funded with CDBG
- SRTS projects constructed in 2017—Pear Park crosswalk relocation and striping, CDBG—El Poso sidewalk, Nisley sidewalk. CDBG approved in 2017—Bookcliff Middle sidewalk/ramps, Orchard from 29 ½ Rd.

Pursue Walk Friendly Community Designation

- Waiting for adoption of complete streets policy
- Included in City Strategic Plan

Other

- Bylaws amended to include Mesa County Public Health and RTPO

- Orchard Mesa Irrigation tour—May 10th
- B ½ Rd ribbon cutting—June 15
- Monument Road trail connection support

2018 Action Items--Proposed:

- Adoption of Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Policy—host open house meetings and assist with focus groups
- Walk Friendly Community Designation
- Bicycle Friendly Community upgrade
- Bike Month Activities
- Community Streets Event
- SRTS projects for CDBG
- National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project
 - Purchase of radar equipment next year to count bicyclists and pedestrians
 - Coordinate volunteers for data collection.
- Implement 10th St. and/or 7th St. project—innovative project
- ID projects for funders
- Coordinate speaker event—i.e. bike month, Fort Collins Bicycle coordinator, community doing open streets events.
- Develop protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure

The 2018 Action Plan will be finalized at the next meeting.

Community Streets Event Review

David reviewed the Community Streets Event evaluation report for the October 7th event. Discussion included posting event photos on the website, concerns with safety issues on Main Street, having the event on a Sunday next year or a day with fewer competing activities, get CMU involvement, more involvement of the neighborhood and schools in planning the event, having some type of kick-off event such as a race or parade, and provide an opportunity to get feedback on projects or proposals.

Sharrow Proposal – David presented an idea to install sharrows on Main Street to address safety issues for cyclists on that corridor and reduce the number of bicyclists using the sidewalk. There was some discussion as to whether sharrows were really needed on Main Street and whether it would decrease the number of riders on the sidewalk. It was decided that a subcommittee should be established to make a recommendation and that the DDA should also be involved.

10th Street Improvements – Paul showed a potential improvement to the 10th Street and Grand Avenue intersection using curb extensions to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and provide better visibility for motorists. Curb extensions would reduce the crossing distance from 44' to 35'. The intersection would also be marked for the bicycle lane. The permanent improvement would cost \$40,000-\$50,000, but there might be some temporary upgrades that

could be done in the short-term. Biz suggested applying for Safe Routes to School funding for next year and matching it with CBDG funds.

David suggested doing a bicycle boulevard on 10th Street to discourage through traffic. He also mentioned bike activated beacons.

Paul reported that 7th Street will be chip sealed in 2018 and there might be an opportunity to create a continuous striped bike lane. In addition, there is approved funding to do some bike boxes at key intersections on 7th Street.

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items, Updates and Public Comment, were not covered.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:05pm.