

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes January 9, 2018

#### 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	David Lehman, Vice-Chair	Shana Wade
Gary Stubler	Sarah Johnson	Orin Zyvan

Also present Kathy Portner, Trent Prall, Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Mathew Lucero, Bennett Boschenstein, Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Kathy passed out the 2017 UTC Annual Report. David stated that the America Walks grant request was not successful.

**Approval of Minutes** – Gary/David. Motion passed.

#### **2018 Action Plan Review and Subcommittee Assignments** –

The updated Goals and Action Items and the revised Strategic Plan that were discussed at the December meeting were distributed. There was some discussion on whether Goal 3 should be incorporated into Goals 1 and 2 and how the Goals relate to the Mission Statement. The consensus was to not modify the Mission and Goals at this time. Gary suggested having a repository with past minutes, handouts and other information for the UTC members.

Following is the final reviewed 2018 Action Items/Projects with assignment of subcommittees where necessary.

Goal 1: Improve the built environment by providing safe and efficient active transportation options for people of all ages and abilities by increasing the number of miles of connected sidewalks, bike lanes and pathways with the City.

- Participate in public process for adoption of Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Corridor Plan
- Identify SRTS projects for CDBG funding and other funding sources
- Review street construction and maintenance project for opportunities to improve bike/ped facilities
- Development protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repairs of existing infrastructure – David, Sarah, Orin
- Provide recommendations for bicycle/pedestrian improvements along 10<sup>th</sup> Street and S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and other innovative project
- Provide input on City development project – City Staff

- Research innovative techniques for safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including sharrows and bicycle boulevards – David, Gary, Kristin and Paul
- Review and revise as necessary UTC’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Priorities Provide recommendations for way finding signage

**Goal 2: Increase Programming to promote Safe Walking and Biking Opportunities**

- Actively participate in Bike Month Activities – proclamation/speaker series – Shana, Biz, Kristin and Kathy
- Community Streets Event – Sarah, Shana, David, Orin, David and Kathy
- Update and publish bicycle/pedestrian map –Gary, Orin and David
- Create UTC calendar of events – Michele

**Goal 3: Increase the number of citizens utilizing active modes of transportation and promote the health, livability and economic benefits of a Walkable/Bikeable Community**

- Pursue Walk Friendly Community Designation – Kristin, Biz, Gary and Kathy
- Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community designation upgrade in rating –Kristin, Biz, Orin and Kathy
- National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project –Shana, David, Gary and Paul
- Develop a bibliography of resources on bicycle and pedestrian topics – David, Shana
- Update UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource bibliography, public comment and link to “Fix It” – Kathy

**Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Priorities** – Kathy passed around the priorities from 2017. Tier 1 and 2 are complex and may be done in stages or phases, Kathy said the list hasn’t been reviewed in a while and needs to be cleaned up.

**Tier 1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Street – completed
- Orchard Avenue – finish up design this year and construction 2019 for Normandy to 29 Road on Orchard – leave on list
- Horizon Drive/Horizon Drive – making progress but leave on list
- 24 Road and Redlands – leave on list
- Completion of Riverfront Trail between 27 ½ Road and 29 Road – leave on list
- Add First Street Corridor, American Way to Pitkin
- Add North Avenue from 28 Road to 30 Road

**Tier 2**

- Monument Road Trail – start in November 2018 completion in June 2019 – leave on list
- Redlands Parkway/South Broadway – need to be reworded to include CDOT’s round about improvement.
- Crosby Avenue – great connection but needs to be improved. Leave on the list
- Black Bridge – Leave on the list - Michele stated that Cathy Ventling, RFC member who is with CDOT stated that CDOT had several historic bridges
- Add 27 ½ Road on Orchard Mesa from B ½ Road to UnawEEP and 27 3/8 Road from UnawEEP to Eagle Rim Park
- Add F ½ Road from 30 Road to Thunder Mountain Elementary

Sarah asked how the public makes comments regarding requests to fix problems. Paul said he could work on getting something together and put on the agenda under updates and bring to UTC meetings. She also suggested a way to educate the public of how to report problems. Kristin suggested having a map outside the WIC office/library so people can comment. She suggested having the library computers ask how people got there and were there any challenges, Sarah wasn't sure that could be done. Orin talked about the app that Portland uses. Kathy said the City has looked into something like that.

### Tier 3

The tier 3 projects will be reviewed and discussed at the February meeting.

**2018 Street Maintenance Projects** – Paul handed out a map and description of what work will be done.

- River Road – proposing to add shoulders
- Horizon Drive – already has bike lanes
- Little pockets of downtown areas (excluded 7<sup>th</sup>) – doesn't think there is value in striping those because they are industrial areas
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street – will start at Ute and Pitkin down to intersection of Riverside Parkway, providing an opportunity to include bike lanes. The areas of diagonal parking are challenging for bike lanes, but might add signage and green lane paint to make it more obvious.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and Main up to Grand would like to stripe on both sides of 7<sup>th</sup>.
- West Main Street – challenge is really narrow section of street. Kathy said that might be a place for a sharrow.
- Independent Avenue – west end from Splish Splash to Chik Filet – would like to widen the street section. Suggested putting it into Tier 3 projects.
- Rim Rock to American Way – will be an overlay but there is not room for bike lanes. Orin commented on the difficulty of crossing as a pedestrian.
- North 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be reconstructed but there's not adequate right-of-way to widen the street. Eventually the CMU campus will extend to 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Orchard Avenue to North Avenue with a perimeter trail. Options on the west side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate bikes and pedestrians are the alley west of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the 5<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. It was also suggested that the 7<sup>th</sup> Street crossings for bikes and pedestrians should be improved.

Will discuss remaining agenda items next month.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 7:06pm.