

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes February 13, 2018

Called to Order

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

Dr. Kristin Heumann, Chair	David Lehman, Vice-Chair	Shana Wade
Gary Stubler	Sarah Johnson	Orin Zyvan
Max Schmidt		

Also present Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Matt Lucero, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – One Riverfront office will be closed on Monday.

Approval of Minutes – Orin/Gary. Motion passed.

Review Priority List – Paul quickly reviewed items discussed last month. He asked what to do with items completed or partially completed. Shana suggested having an accomplishment list at the end of the list.

Tier One and Tier Two – Paul asked if anyone had anything to add. He stated that the 29 Road Bridge is currently under construction and will be completed in 2018. Kristin stated that she had in her notes Crosby should be moved to Tier Once since it's an ADA issue along with bike lanes all the way on Crosby to Baserock Road. Paul said that Crosby is being considered for CIP.

Kristin said have already added two Tier One projects.

Orin talked about bike lanes from Mulberry – Paul suggested adding it as own item.

Kristin stated widening from Splish Splash to Sprouts wasn't on the list and was discussed last month. Paul said he was in favor of adding. Orin said that there isn't an easy way to get to several of the stores if you're a pedestrian. Paul thinks it would be good for UTC to be involved with the development review process.

Shana stated 30 Road from Patterson to F ½ Road there isn't anything in the area for kids to get to the elementary school and middle school. Kristin thought they could be both separate because they are both big projects.

Orin asked about more signage and should that be something UTC should be looking into. Paul said it could be a Tier Three project. Way finding signage is listed as Action Item #9. Kristin said that perhaps could be an agenda item at a later date.

12th Street and 7th Street and Grand – David stated have sharrows for both these streets. Paul talked about sharrows and that NASTO does not recommend implementing on streets of 35 miles per hour or more. Wouldn't be applicable for 12th Street nor most of 7th Street. He recommends removing 12th, 7th and Grand from sharrows and moving to Main Street across 1st Street to the Riverfront Trail if street width is adequate to add bike lane and the area where it is too narrow for bike lane to add a sharrow. David would like to see it all the way up Main Street to 10th. Paul said from an engineering point of view it makes sense but there will be non-engineering issues. Suggested starting on the west side of Main Street to implement and then move east on Main Street.

First three sharrow items (12th, 7th and Grand) should be nixed from the list. He also said the signs don't need to be on the priority list either.

7th Street creating connection to riverfront trail. Keep on the list.

D Road to 9th Street – keep on the list but revise it to recommend bike lanes.

Kristin reminded the group that CMU will eventually have a bike/ped from Orchard to North on 7th so shouldn't spend so much time on figuring this area out.

340 Bridge and West Avenue – keep on the Tier Three.

Gunnison to Orchard – 23rd to 24th. Discussed 28th and Shana said it's not bad but you have to go over to 24th. Kristin said to leave on list so people can safely get to the park without having to travel on North.

Riverside Park Drive – keep on the list. Paul said it has some traction. Proposal to spruce up the park. Neighborhood was agreeable to closing the street. Interest in vacant land for development.

10th Street – keep on the list. Add improved intersection design. David suggested adding “bicycle boulevard”. Paul said it may be too aspirational with proposed improvements now but could be something at a later date.

Traffic signal detection – keep on the list. Add to list of accomplishments those that have been done.

Tour of the Moon Byway – being advertised as a route and should it be added to the list since there are sections needing improvement. South Broadway by the golf course to E ½ Road back up to 340. David said should add to list because it is so dangerous. Pete Baier with Mesa County is going to have to do a needs assessment in the area for low hanging fruit. Paul will keep on list and come back to the group as the County works through the needs assessment.

Kristin said need to look more to the east side of town that are more in need of connections rather than more wealthy areas of the valley.

Bike Month – will be in May this year. May 2nd Bike to Work Day with breakfast on Horizon, downtown and Fruita. Afterglow at Edgewater same day.

May 9th is Bike to School Day – looking at prizes and ice cream coupons for the PD to hand out. Will save some of the swag for the May 30th event. Kristin asked if CMU is expected to participate on Bike to School Day and Shana said yes.

May 24th Clunker Crit

May 17th – movie downtown

May 22nd – Family Ride in Palisade

May 30th – UTC event – looking at having music, prizes, activities and having Gelu and food trucks. Small amphitheater by the Botanic Gardens.

Business challenge will need to ordered shirts by end of March.

Bibliography committee – Shana and David have met and already have some research materials available. David has a list and links, he would like to have a pdf of the documents on UTC's Google drive and then have stored on UTC website.

Riding a bicycle in crosswalk law – Paul said that at a Bicycle Alliance meeting last year a Police officer told the group that it was illegal to ride a bike in crosswalks in the City. The City updated their statutes in 2017 so it is no longer illegal to ride your bike in a crosswalk unless posted then you must dismount (midblock crosswalks at CMU).

Bikeshare program – Paul said the City and Parks and Rec have been in talks with Your Bike to implement a dockless bike sharing pilot program. City/CMU and DDA are included. Would be for 120 days beginning on April 1st with 50 bikes. Would commit to 200 bikes over a period of time.

Grand Valley Circulation Plan open house is February 28th for 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Community Room at the Central Library. Committee has reached out to canal companies and others. Would be good to have as many of members there as possible.

Development Projects and Citizens comments will be an ongoing update each month.

New ideas – nothing to report.

Public Comment – Kayla passed around a list of description of what her group is looking to do on an ongoing list of activities they are trying to do for Earth Day. Have plans to every day in April. She asked if the UTC would be interested in donating stickers from Community Streets Event. She also asked if UTC would like to participant.

Max stated that since there are so many new members he'd be happy to give another tour like he did last year. Water out of the canal third week of March, with water would be third week of April.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:01pm.

Next agenda – CDOT's I-70B Phase 5 Design
Review Mission and Goal for action items