CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes
March 13, 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	Orin Zyvan	Biz Collins

Also present Kathy Portner and Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Mathew Lucero, Devon Balet – public, Bennett Boeschenstein, Mayor Pro Tem and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Biz announced the "Learn to Ride GVT" event.

Approval of Minutes – Page two – top of the page – it reads, "12th Street sharrows" when it should read "no sharrows". David/Shana to approved minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Circulation Plan Open House Debrief – There was a great showing of UTC members at the open house. There were about 50 citizens in attendance and most were excited about the Complete Streets Policy and the Active Transportation Corridor Map. Letters of support from various groups will be important as the plan moves forward for Planning Commission and City Council consideration early this summer. Kristin suggested drafting a template for letters of support.

Monument Road Trail Plan and RIO Project – Kathy presented an overview of the Monument Road Trail Plan that will connect Lower No Thoroughfare to the Lunch Loop parking lot. The trail will stay on the south side of Monument Road. Funding has been secured for the project and construction will begin this summer with completion in spring of 2019. The RIO project includes planned improvements to Riverside Park and the trail connection through the neighborhood, as well as the development of a bicycle playground along the River corridor. Kristin suggested consideration of an adult playground with various fitness stations.

Bike Month Activities – The City Council Proclamation will be April 18th. Bike to Work Day is May 2nd and there are activities planned each week in May. The final celebration of Bike Month is on May 30th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Botanic Gardens where there will be music, a bike rodeo and food trucks (Michele to contact Debonair Fun Food).

Community Streets Event – October 13th was suggested for the event and the Historic Preservation Board is interested in partnering and doing Historic Walking Tours in the neighborhoods. The neighborhood associations are also interested in participating.

Safe Routes to School – tabled until next meeting.

Updates:

Priority List – The final version of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Priorities 2018 was reviewed and approved (Motion to approve: Biz/Kristin—passed unanimously).

Development Projects– Nothing to report.

Citizen Requests for Improvements – Paul shared a list of direct requests that come to the City Transportation office, many of which address bicycle and pedestrian concerns.

Horizon Drive BID Trail Planning – Vara reported that the Horizon Drive BID is working with UCD students to do conceptual planning for trails in and around the Horizon Drive area. A major focus is on developing a trail along the east side of the Bookcliff Country Club golf course, behind the businesses along Horizon Drive. The adjoining businesses are excited about the project, as is the Country Club. The design work should be done in May.

Paul gave an update on the three new pedestrian crossing to be installed along Horizon Drive. Improvements will include median refuges with activated push button beacon lighting.

Other Business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment

Orin suggested coming up with a standard signage template for pedestrians/bicyclists/wayfinding. Orin and Gary volunteered to be on a subcommittee to work with Paul.

David reported that he continues to add items to the Bibliography and is working on links.
Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:00pm.

Future Agenda Items:

CDOT's I-70B Phase 5 Design –May
SRTS project prioritization for CDBG—April
Signage/Wayfinding