

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes April 10, 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
Max Schmidt	Sarah Johnson	

Also present Kathy Portner and Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal - Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Mathew Lucero, and Jeff Purdy, Public, Bennett Boeschenstein, Mayor Pro Tem and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Biz said GVT will be doing another round of Learn to Ride programs. Boards and Commission appreciation dinner is scheduled for Monday, April 16th.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/David. Motion passed.

Bike Month Activities – Kathy said t-shirts have been ordered and will try and get them to everyone before Bike to Work Day. She reminded everyone that there will be an end of the month celebration and a Bike Rodeo, she is hoping UTC members will be able to volunteer. Date is May 30th at 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Kelsey is doing a great job getting funding for the event. Krisin said CMU will be hosting a breakfast for CMU riders.

Proclamation is April 18th at 6:00pm at City Auditorium.

David reported that the bike/ped counts are scheduled for May 14th through 20th. A subcommittee meeting with Paul, Gary and David is scheduled for Friday, April 13th at 10:00am at Paul's office. Biz said she would be happy to volunteer to do the count.

Community Streets Event – tentatively schedule for October 13th. Kristin said CMU has a 2:00pm game that day and it's a four-day weekend for District 51 and CMU. Group decided on October 20th – time to be determined.

Safe Routes to School CDBG – Paul provided an update on the UTC priorities that were funded last year and described the potential projects to consider as follows:

- A. Bookcliff Middle School –\$100,000 project to include additional curb, gutter and sidewalk on the west side of 29 ¼ Road, access ramps and 2 crosswalks to provide safe access from the neighborhoods to Bookcliff Middle School

- B. N. 17th Street--\$30,000 project to include curb, gutter and sidewalk on east side of 17th Street, north of Walnut Avenue to provide access to Orchard Avenue Elementary.
- C. Pinyon Avenue – \$60,000 per side to include curb, gutter and sidewalk and access ramps to provide access to Orchard Avenue Elementary.
- D. Bookcliff Avenue Crosswalk \$20,000 project for pedestrian activated beacons.
- E. Grand Avenue crossings at 9th and 10th Streets--\$60,000 curb extensions and ramps all corners of the Grand Avenue intersections with 9th Street and 10th Street.

UTC prioritized the projects as follows:

A	B	C	D	E	
1	5	4	3	2	David
1	5	4	3	2	Max
2	5	3	4	1	Orin
1	4	3	5	2	Gary
1	4	3	5	2	Sarah
1	4	5	3	2	Shana
1	5	3	4	2	Kristin
1	5	3	4	2	Biz
9	37	28	31	15	

Priorities – A--Bookcliff Middle School, E—Grand Avenue, C—Pinyon Avenue, D—Bookcliff Avenue crosswalk, B—N. 17th Street

There was some discussion about possibly applying for CDOT’s SRTS funding.

Updates:

Development Projects – Kathy reviewed three projects currently going through the development process, including Grand View Hollow on Cortland Avenue between 28 Road and Matchett Park, which includes a detached trail along Cortland Avenue; Arabesque at G and 29 Road with a connection to Matchett Park; and Mountain View Estates III Subdivision at B ½ and 28 Road that has a buried ditch running through the property.

Citizens Request for Improvements – Paul said he doesn’t have anything this month but will have something next month. Kristin gave a shout out to Paul for fixing her neighbor’s issue.

Circulation Plan/Complete Streets Policy – The Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Policy is scheduled for Planning Commission on May 22nd and City Council on July 18th. It will be important for UTC members to show up and letters to be written.

Other Business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment – Max offered to host another tour of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation system.

There was some discussion on the letter the canal companies sent opposing the proposed Active Transportation Corridor map. Kathy reiterated that it is just a plan to show the need for multi-modal connections throughout the community. Notes on the plan provide recognition that routes shown on the plan are not necessarily open for use and, prior to being open for use, it’s recognized that there will have to be agreement from any land owners and/or easement holders.

Max commented that he still believes that there are areas along the Orchard Mesa canal system that might work for trails, specifically along buried sections. The committee members expressed disappointment with the letter but were hopeful that the plan would move forward as a first step in working toward an agreeable solution.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:00pm.

Future agenda:

CDOT's I-70 Phase 5 Design – May

Signage/Wayfinding