

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes June 12, 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  
Orin Zyvan

Shana Wade  
Biz Collins

Gary Stubler  
Sarah Johnson

Also present Kathy Portner and Paul Jagim with City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Mathew Lucero, Teri Wenzlaff, Craig Robillard – public, Bennett Boeschstein, City of Grand Junction Mayor Pro Tem and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcements** – UTC terms expiring – Biz is term limited but if no one from RTPO wants to volunteer, Biz could remain. She said she didn't think anyone would step up. David and Max also are expiring. Both can reapply. Kristin said she has talked with someone and has asked them to apply. The City Clerk has asked for a letter with qualifications of what UTC is looking for. Shana asked if marketing skills would be helpful. Qualifications do not preclude any applicants.

IGA bike ride – Michele reminded everyone to please RSVP by June 25<sup>th</sup> if they plan to participate. Note: Since meeting, ride has been posted until late August or early September.

One Riverfront office will be closed on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes** – April minutes - Biz/Gary. May minutes – Biz/Sarah Motion passed.

**7<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Design Ideas** –Paul provided an overview of 7<sup>th</sup> Street north of North Avenue reconstruction. There is not room to add bike lanes, but there are opportunities for alternative routes for bikes. The City is looking at opportunities to improve crossings, including appropriate lighted walk signal at 7<sup>th</sup> and Elm.

S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be getting an overlay this year, so there's an opportunity for new markings. Paul has been working with Orin and Gary on ideas that include continuous bike lanes and strategic use of green markings (see attached). Sharrow markings would be used on 7<sup>th</sup> between Struthers and Riverside Parkway. There was some discussion on the details of the markings at the Ute and Pitkin crossings and a suggestion that it be monitored after completion to determine the use and effectiveness.

**Community Streets Event** – Kathy sent out invites for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting tomorrow. David has put together the grant for Alpine again. Bicycle Colorado has chosen a different location for their fall event this year. Gary thinks we need come

up with branding. Michele stated that the request for funding from the Riverfront Foundation will go before the board in July.

**Bicycle Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Community** – Bicycle Friendly application is due August 9<sup>th</sup> and Walk Friendly application is due in December. The subcommittee of Kristin, Biz, Gary, Paul and Kathy will be meeting to put both applications together. Adoption of the Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Policy is critical for the designations.

**New Safety Stop Legislation** – Biz summarized the recently enacted State Bill that allows local jurisdictions to adopt laws that would allow bicyclist to yield at stop signs and stop at traffic signals and proceed through if clear. Kathy suggested doing some additional research and collaborating with the Police Department before making a recommendation to City Council. Kristin suggested that the Bicycle Friendly committee look into it.

**Work Plan Check-in** – Kristin distributed copies of the 2018 Action Items/Projects and then reviewed the items with the groups. See attached for update.

#### **Updates:**

**Circulation Plan/Complete Street Policy** – Planning Commission hearing went well and several UTC members were in attendance. The City Council adoption is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bike Month Activities Wrap Up** – The event was successful with about 40 kids participating in the bike rodeo and approximately 150 participating overall. The music was great and there were 2 food trucks and Dippin' Dots. Sarah mentioned David and Orin's blogs about biking.

**Bike/Ped County Wrap up** – Paul reported that they had developed procedures and forms for the volunteers and did same three places as last year. David secured coupons from Kiln Coffee for the volunteers. Paul will compile the information into a report.

**Development Projects** – Kathy doesn't have anything to share.

**Citizen request for improvements** – Paul has a big stack but is still working on how to get that in a format for the group.

**Other Business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment** – Terri said group is doing a great job.

Mathew said covered a lot at this meeting.

Craig said please put signage at top of list. He has run into trail users that have been lost while using the trail.

Sarah commented that the Outdoor Weekly Newsletter had an article about Grand Junction, Fruita/, Palisade doing a great job of linking outdoor recreation to the economy.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 6:55pm

## 2018 Action Items/Projects

| 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 within the City. |   |                            |
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|   | Action Items/Projects   | Subcommittee               |
| 1   | Participate in public process for adoption of Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Corridor Plan— <b>Scheduled for City Council adoption July 18th</b>   |                            |
| 2   | Identify SRTS projects for CDBG funding and other funding sources— <b>Grand Ave/9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; Pinyon Ave. sidewalk—use other funding for Bookcliff Middle School improvements</b>             |                            |
| 3   | Review street construction and maintenance projects for opportunities to improve bike/ped facilities— <b>ongoing—7<sup>th</sup> Street; West Main Street</b>  |                            |
| 4   | Develop protocols, priorities and funding for maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure— <b>increased street sweeping</b>   | David, Sarah, Orin         |
| 5   | Provide recommendations for bicycle/pedestrian improvements along 10 <sup>th</sup> Street and S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street and other innovative projects— <b>input on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and S. 7<sup>th</sup></b> |                            |
| 6   | Provide input on City development projects-- <b>ongoing</b>   |                            |
| 7   | Research innovative techniques for safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including sharrows and bicycle boulevards-- <b>ongoing</b>   | David, Gary, Kristin, Paul |
| 8   | Review and revise as necessary UTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Priorities— <b>completed for 2018</b>  |                            |

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| 9   | Provide recommendations for wayfinding signage— <b>subcommittee working on it</b>            | David, Gary, Orin                         |  |
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| <b>Goal 2: Increase Programming to promote Safe Walking and Biking Opportunities</b>  |  |   |  |
| 1   | Actively participate in Bike Month Activities—proclamation/speaker series-- <b>completed</b> | Shana, Biz, Kristin, Kathy                |  |
| 2   | Community Streets Event— <b>in process</b>   | Sarah, Shana, Orin, David, Michele, Kathy |  |
| 3   | Update and publish bicycle/pedestrian map— <b>in process</b>                                 | Gary, David, Orin                         |  |
| 4   | Create a UTC calendar of events— <b>need to get it on website</b>                            | Michele                                   |  |
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| <b>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</b> |  |   |  |

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| 1 | Pursue Walk Friendly Community Designation— <b>due Dec.</b>   | Kristin, Biz, Gary, Kathy |  |
| 2 | Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community designation upgrade in rating— <b>due Aug. 9th</b>   | Kristin, Biz, Kathy       |  |
| 3 | National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project— <b>completed</b>   | David, Shana, Gary, Paul  |  |
| 4 | Develop a bibliography of resources on bicycle and pedestrian topics— <b>in process</b>   | Shana, David              |  |
| 5 | Update UTC webpage to include agendas, minutes, resource bibliography, public comment and link to “Fix It”— <b>in process; also creating a google drive for UTC members</b> | Kathy                     |  |
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