

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

## Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

### Minutes August 14, 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	Shana Wade	Gary Stubler
Sarah Johnson	Biz Collins	David Lehmann, Vice-chair

Also present Andy Gingerich, Paul Jagim - City of Grand Junction, Vara Kusal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Rob Beck and Matt Casey with CDOT, Mathew Lucero – public Bennett Boeschstein, Mayor Pro Tem and Michele Rohrbach.

**Announcements** – GVT has set their next Learn to Ride. City will be holding a September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for Board and Commission. (Michele to send out)

**Approval of Minutes** – David asked to have a second “n” added to the end of his last name. Master Plan – Chris with CU Denver not UTC. David/Gary to approve with modifications.

**CDOT plans for 1<sup>st</sup> Street/I-70B** – Rob Beck provided an overview of the plans for I-70B through the Grand Avenue intersection and downtown. The plans show three through lanes in each direction, with turn lanes at major intersections. There was some discussion on the New Mobility West plan that proposed only two through lanes in each direction. Rob indicated that they thought three lanes were warranted. 10’ wide sidewalks are shown, except in the area south of Grand Avenue where there is not sufficient ROW. UTC members discussed the importance of good bike and pedestrian connections. There will be opportunity for additional public input as the project moves forward.

**Orchard Avenue design**– Paul provided an overview of the improvements that have already been done along Orchard Avenue as SRTS projects and showed the planned improvements that will start in 2019, including bike lanes and sidewalk.

**Community Streets Event** – The updated objectives for the event were presented. Gary suggested “Ride the Route” as part of the event, similar to the one done during Bike month. It was also suggested that the planned curb extensions at the intersection of Grand Avenue with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> be promoted using cones and markings.

#### Updates:

**Circulation Plan/Complete Streets Policy**—The Circulation Plan and Complete Streets Policy was unanimously approved by the City Council. Subsequent to the adoption, a letter was received from the canal companies deriding the decision.

**Bicycle Friendly Community/Walk Friendly Community applications**— The Bicycle Friendly Community application was submitted. There will be a follow-up survey to get out to as many people as possible. The Walk Friendly Community application is due in December.

**Map project** – David said the subcommittee has been working on the bike map and are hoping to have it available for the Community Streets Event. Biz provided information on the “My City” app and suggested it might be worth looking into.

**Development Projects** –Andy reviewed the opportunity for trail connections for a proposed project located south of 3035 and 3043 F ½ Road. Kristin said that there would be a good opportunity to get kids to the school along what she called an abandoned alleyway and use it to connect to the trail and keep them off of F ½ Road.

**Citizen Requests for Improvements** –Gary said suggested adding Tour of the Moon Byway near Tiara Rado for needed improvements. Paul said that the County has completed a Safety Assessment that recommends more signage in the short-term and shoulder widening in the long-term.

**Other Business/Innovative Ideas/Public Comment**—The tour of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation facilities is tentatively scheduled for Saturday.

Bennett commented on the Old Spanish Trail and the need for more signage.

**Adjournment** – Adjourned at 7:09pm