

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Urban Trails Committee (UTC)

Minutes September 11, 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	Orin Zyvan
Sarah Johnson	Biz Collins	Devon Balet	

Also present Kathy Portner, Trent Prall, Andy Gingrich, and Paul Jagim - City of Grand Junction, Ulises D Techera Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, CU/CMU Partnership Program, Mathew Lucero, Jody Kliska – public, Dean Bressler, Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Michele Rohrbach.

Announcement – Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 10th.

Orin spoke about the bike safety forum put on by Ray Scott and Yeulin Willett. Education for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians was a theme. Orin stated that Yeulin was the one that drafted the Idaho Stop Law and Bicycle Colorado would be available to help implement it in GJ.

Sarah indicated that Bicycle Colorado and REI are working on an education program and she suggested contacting local REI to see if they would work with UTC.

Kristin said several members went on Max’s tour of the Orchard Mesa Canal system where they discussed opportunities for trails where the canal is piped. Shana suggested identifying a section as a pilot project. Kristin and Gary said the sub committee could work on the project.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Sarah. Motion was passed.

America Walks Grant – Ulises Techera, Assistant Professor at CMU, and Dean Bressler briefed the committee on the America Walks grant that CMU is working on with a group of students. The project will focus on the campus initially and could expand into the community. Dean asked the key UTC member to stay in communication with Ulises

Google Drive Update – Orin provided an overview of the google drive that contains information and documents for the Urban Trails Committee.

Bike Route Map Project – Gary and Orin reviewed the first version of the bike route map that establishes main routes throughout the City. Each route is denoted by a color and will have appropriate signage and markings for wayfinding. The group would like to see the same types of markings that were recently done on S. 7th Street along each of the primary routes.

Community Streets Event – October 20th. Kathy provided an update on the Community Streets event planning.

Updates:

- Bicycle Friendly Community Status – the application is under review.
- Walk Friendly Application – the application is due in December and will need to form a subcommittee to work on the application.
- Development Projects – there were no new projects to report.
- Citizen Requests for Improvements – there was nothing to report.
- Safe Routes to School Grants – applications for SRTS grants are due November 1st. Kathy and Biz will discuss potential projects.

Other Business:

Devon suggested getting involved with People for Bikes. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Kristin reminded everyone about the City Board and Commission training tomorrow night at 6:00pm in the City auditorium.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:00pm

Walk Friendly subcommittee
People for Bikes Application