

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
February 12, 2013

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Biz Collins	Dave Grossman
Ben Blom	Keith Dickerson	

Also present were Robert Noble, candidate for City Council, Phyllis Norris, candidate for City Council, Jody Kliska with the City of Grand Junction, Lori Bowers, Senior Planner with the City of Grand Junction and Michele Rohrbach.

Approval of Minutes – Biz/Keith. Motion passed.

Announcements – Need member to attend the RFC meeting on 2/19 at 5:30pm. Dave said he would attend.

RFC workshop – April 6th in Palisade, 8:00 to 3:00pm. Have been asked to have a mission, vision and goals for the meeting. Social to follow that evening at Bookcliff County Club.

City Volunteer Luncheon – several members still have not RSVP'd.

Earth Day at Mesa County Library – have been asked if would like to participate – Michele will get more info and get back to the group. (discussed having a video made from the Safe Routes to School program).

Outdoor Heritage Day – need UTC volunteers to talk about UTC Master Plan.

Old Business –

Development Review – Craig was unable to attend. Will see if he will be able to attend next month.

Share the Road Task Force – Bumper stickers are ready. Will be rolling out at the Trail Summit. Billboard campaign will start in the spring. Yard signs to be planted at area schools. Julie shared a bumper sticker that was devised from Routt County.

Walking/Bicycle Summit – Poster are ready, more available if anyone needs them. Website is up and registration is open. Event is March 8th.

Grand Valley Bikes – Had board meeting last week. Getting ready for Safe Routes to School. Will be doing a presentation at Trail Summit. Chipeta is the first and Walking and Wheeling Week is April 22nd to the 26th, DIA and Fruitvale. Will be participating in Springfest and MOGG Fest.

Keith asked if anyone has seen the study on bicyclist treating stop signs as a yield. Julie said it was discussed at the meeting yesterday. Summit County has passed the same version in Boise, Idaho. Dillon and Breckenridge have a version of it. Aspen is currently looking at implementing. It's deemed safer for the bicyclist. Keith would like to see the original study and then maybe write a letter.

Riverfront – Ben talked about the retreat and the possibility of expanding down along the Gunnison and tributaries. Discussed the retreat and strategic plan, Tour of the Moon issues (which has since been approved) Las Colonias has a budget and talked about Brady Trucking.

There was no further old business.

New Business – Lori has been a planner with the City for the past 14 years. She is a former planner with Breckenridge. She talked about working on the UTC Master Plan when she started working for the City but there wasn't any real mechanism for implementing the UTC Master Plan. She said that her frustration that she can't apply the same standards to all trails (example Old Spanish Trail – 10 feet of concrete won't work). She would like to see more detail and implementation plan. She suggested breaking it down to corridors and looking at terrain and working with engineer like Jody. Julie stated that when the plan review comes before UTC the developer has already done the plan so UTC can only make recommendations. Lori said if there was an implementation plan then the developers would know what's expected of them before they start development plans. Julie said that it appears that UTC will need to work on coming up with an implementation plan and then get back with Lori. Group asked if they came up with implementation plan would that it need to be approved by ordinance and Lori said yes. Having it adopted by ordinance makes it harder for it to go away. If no ordinance, it's much easier for things to be negotiated away.

Public Comment – Grand Valley Trail Alliance has selected a Board and will be meeting soon. There was no public present.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.