City of Fruita – Livability Commission  
Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2020  

Members in Attendance: John Rodwick, Dave Karisny, Amanda Quigley, Terri Potente, Sarah Brooks, Michael Handley, Karen Leonhart  
Members Absent: Adrienne Kaga, Lori Chesnick, Denise Hight, Doug Van Etten, Tom McNamara  
Staff in Attendance: Mike Bennett, Ken Haley, Shannon Vassen, Jacqui Foster.  
Guests in Attendance: Jean Rodwick  

1. Welcome and Introductions  
The group went around and provided introductions.  

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2020 Meeting  
There were no changes to the minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting, and the minutes were approved  

3. City of Fruita Update  
Mike Bennett, City Manager for the City of Fruita, provided the update to the Livability Commission. A few highlights from the update are:  

- **Current Planning Efforts** – Mr. Bennett provided an update on the Land Use Code update, the Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (“PHROST”) Master Plan Update, and the Multi-Modal Circulation Study.  
- **Social Justice Issues** – Mr. Bennett explained that the Fruita City Council recently held a listening session with various social justice groups created to address systemic racism and inequality. A good recap of the meeting can be found at the Grand Valley Free Press website, and members of this group have expressed interest in meeting with our boards and commissions to continue the discussion, including the Livability Commission meeting.  
- **COVID-19 Response** – Mr. Bennett described the City’s continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All Fruita specific information can be found at fruita.org/covid19. The City has also received funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF) and is exploring how to use this funding for the purposes of economic recovery, social recovery, education help, and direct response (stockpiling PPE if there is another surge, preparing for the ability to work remotely, etc). And despite COVID-19, Mr. Bennett explained that some tax revenues are up, including the City’s sales tax. Other funding sources have been impacted greatly by the pandemic, but the City is overall in a good financial position for the year.
After the update, Mr. Rodwick asked about the case count specifically for Fruita (instead of Mesa County as a whole). Mr. Bennett explained that Mesa County Public Health does not provide the City with this information, but that there have been cases in Fruita.

4. Livability Commission Discussion Items

a. Multi-Modal Transportation – Ken Haley, Public Works Director

To begin the discussion on multi-modal transportation, Mr. Haley provided an overview of the City of Fruita’s infrastructure network. Mr. Haley began with the discussion with the condition of existing streets. Mr. Haley explained to the Commission that each street within the City is evaluated by a “PASER” score, which stands Pavement, Surface, Evaluation, Rating. The goal is for the streets to have an average score of 7.0 out of 10. The current average for Fruita streets is 6.80, and 1,013 streets that have been scored.

After discussing streets, Mr. Haley moved on to the discuss the conditions of sidewalks in Fruita. Each year, the Public Works Department performs grinding of tripping hazards on around 100-150 sidewalks throughout the city. Also, three to five ADA ramps are replaced each year. To conclude the overview, Mr. Haley discussed previous and future planning efforts for the City. This year, the City is working on its PHROST plan which will identify future trail connections and how to expand the bike/pedestrian network. Later in the year, the City will begin working on an active Circulation Plan (that will focus on multi-modal transportation) that will identify areas of growth and where connections will need to be made in the future.

After the presentation, the Commission discussed the following ideas for potential projects. The Commission will continue to discuss these in future meetings.

- Creating an Adopt-A-Street program for trash pickup, pulling weeds, etc. The City may need to provide additional trash cans around town to help with disposal.
- Looking into the types of community assistance programs that can help HOAs with maintaining private trails.
- Providing HOAs with guidance on how to deal with enforcement along trails.

5. New Business/Discussion

Mr. Rodwick asked if staff could reach out to the members of the social justice groups and invite them to a future meeting, and the group and staff agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.