

Minutes

Thursday, 15 August 2019

5:30 p.m.

Reiger Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Colburn called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Paul Benne, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Carol Sevin, Ed Kalas, Jared Tremblay

Absent: David Colburn, Kevin Fateley, Julie Gibbs, Seth Scobee

Staff: Wyatt Thompson, Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation; John Adam, Senior Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

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1.3. Public Comments: None

1.4. Minutes of the 5/24/2019 and 6/21/2019 meetings. Sevin moved to approve; Hardeman Seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. Meeting dates and times. It was determined from a poll of the members that 5:30 p.m. would not be an effective time to meet. 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. are now the preferred times and an additional poll will be sent out to determine what day of each month would work best to accommodate these times.

3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1. **Public Works**

None.

3.2. **Parks & Recreation**

Thompson provided an update on the Parks 4 People project that occurred September 12-19. This project involved the closing of part of Central Park Road to vehicles to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and usage. They received generally positive feedback and some negative feedback relating to turning move-



ment and access to facilities. Some of these concerns were addressed with additional education. The next closure, occurring on September 12–19 will be a more complete closure that is more similar to what will be put into effect permanently in the future.

3.3. Community Development

Demonstration projects for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan are still underway. The most recent one was curb extensions at 9th and Yuma which was up for several days. There are several more demonstration projects to come including one at 14th and Leavenworth that will coincide with the next Parks 4 People demonstration. A demonstration will also occur at 4th and Huston between September 17 and 22. Finally there is a demonstration project that should occur in October at Butterfield and Walters.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. Adam presented the draft [Program and Policy Recommendations](#) for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan (BPSP) in order to receive feedback from BPAC. He advised not to pay much attention to the action items in this meeting because they are unrefined.

Sevin expressed a desire to see a defined way of budgeting for education and evaluation aspects of the plan. Adam explained that some of that could be addressed under the responsibilities of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

Brandon Kliewer, a member of the public, expressed a desire that BPAC write a document to propose/develop a proportional funding method so that the share of cyclists and pedestrians versus the number of vehicles is considered when allocating funds to specific budget lines.

Cook asked about whether projects would be prioritized for funding purposes. They will be prioritized using a [matrix](#) in which scores will be given based on a variety of variables. Treblay presented that feasibility was originally one of the determining categories but was removed for concern of prioritizing inexpensive and easy things that would not greatly contribute to a safe network. Around 150–160 projects are being scored using this method.

Concerns were brought up about ensuring that funding sources exist for maintaining separate facilities that are created for cyclists and pedestrians, especially during the winter with snow and ice.

Brandon Irwin, a member of the public, brought up the idea of “participatory budgeting”, in which the city would dedicate money to neighborhoods and facilitate discussions about how that money should be spent. Tremblay presented that it may be difficult to coordinate neighborhood groups. Kliewer stated that it would be a good way to involve communities in decision making that directly affects them. Thompson, when asked about the feasibility of participatory budgeting, responded that it would need support from the City Commission and/or the City Manager’s Office. Irwin offered to set up a webinar with a group that

facilitates the creation of participatory budgeting. BPAC showed interest in doing this.

Clarification was requested on the policy “Integrate pedestrian and bicycle network and facility needs into all City planning documents, repaving, and capital improvement projects” in the Program and Policy Recommendation. The purpose of this is to ensure that is restriping and similar projects are occurring, that the projects in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan are considered and that any improvements are made at that time.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Updates and comments from members.

Tremblay brought up that there would be traffic counts occurring on the 10th, 11th, and 14th of September and requested volunteers if anyone would like to assist in performing counts.

5.2. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

5.3. Next meeting: 9/20/2019 at 9:00 a.m.