

## Minutes

Friday, 18 October 2019

9:00 a.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

### 1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Colburn called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Paul Benne, David Colburn, Annie Cook, Kevin Fateley, Brian Hardeman, Carol Sevin, Jared Tremblay

Absent: Joseph Edmunds, Julie Gibbs, Ed Kalas, Seth Scobee

Staff: Alfonso Leyva, Parks Planner; Wyatt Thompson, Parks & Rec Asst. Director; John Adam, Senior Planner

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1.3. **Public Comments:** Brandon Kliewer suggested that BPAC's recommendation on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Systems Plan include a recommendation that the document have a dedicated funding source.

1.4. **Minutes of the 8/15/2019 and 9/20/2019 meetings.** Correction to 8/15: Colburn did not call the meeting to order because he was absent. Correction to 9/20: call-to-order time was 9:00 a.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. Also, under item 5.1, Cook had suggested an earlier meeting time. Hardeman moved to approve the minutes as amended; Cook seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. **Meeting time.** They discussed moving the meeting time to 8:00 or 8:30. Adam said he could have things set up by 8:15. Hardeman moved to change the meeting time to 8:15 a.m. indefinitely; Cook seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

### 3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1. **Public Works:** No staff from Public Works was on hand. Adam noted that North Manhattan Avenue has been delayed because of springs erupting in the work area.

3.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Leyva said they would be before the City Commission on Nov. 5 to gain contract approval to proceed with constructing the last leg of the City Park Trail along North 11th Street. They plan to put it out to bid in May.



- 3.3. **Community Development:** No update.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 4.1. **Parks 4 People:** Consider potential permanent closure of Central Park Road

Leyva reported on the two City Park closures that had happened in the last few months. From July 11 through 17 Parks & Recreation closed a portion of Central Park Road that allowed drivers to exit via the North Manhattan Avenue parking lot, and from September 12 through 18 a more extensive closure up to Wefald Pavilion prevented any loop-through traffic. Via surveys, they found the first closure had 68% support and the second 56% support. Leyva asked for the BPAC's recommendation on which closure scenario Parks & Recreation should plan to implement.

The committee discussed the two options, Hardeman suggesting that the second option should not be implemented until the pavilion expansion and parking reconfiguration is completed, and Cook suggesting considering the traffic flow. Tremblay initially suggested going for the second option, doing it over the summer. After more back and forth, Colburn said he thinks BPAC should stake out the pro-bike, pro-pedestrian ground and recommend implementing the second option, adding that other committees and commission will add their perspectives that include concerns about cars and parking.

Hardeman moved to recommend the second closure option; Cook seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.

- 4.2. **Bicycle & Pedestrian Systems Plan:** review public draft and comment

Adam introduced the draft BPSP, covering how it came about, the process over the last several months, how the plan will be used over the coming years, and the adoption schedule.

Sevin noted that the plan calls out highways as barriers for bicyclists and pedestrians; she suggested that the lack of a good east–west connection could be considered a barrier as well. She suggested the matrix types (do now, do when, do if, and long term) should call out some examples so users can conceptualize what conditions result in those types.

Thompson pointed out that Casement Road is going to be a trail—one that was the highest priority in the trails prioritization—but the BPSP shows it as a long-term bike lane. He asked why there would be both facilities. After some discussion with Tremblay and Adam, they decided to meet later to discuss reconciliation.

Hardeman noted that the pedestrian aspect is not as strong as the bike component, lacking a map of system gaps and identifying crucial ones. Tremblay said they were aware of gaps in the system from analyses, and agreed that there needs to be further attention given to that in the plan.

#### 5. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.
- 5.3. Next meeting: 11/15/2019 at 8:15 a.m.