

Minutes

Friday, 20 December 2019

8:15 a.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Colburn called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: David Colburn; Annie Cook; Joseph Edmunds; Kevin Fateley; Brian Hardeman; Seth Scobee; Carol Sevin

Absent: Ed Kalas; Julie Gibbs; Jared Tremblay

Staff: Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Alfonso Leyva, Parks Planner; John Adam, Senior Planner; Ben Chmiel, Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator

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1.3. **Public Comments:** None.

1.4. **Respect payed to Paul Benne.** A moment of silence was had to honor and respect BPAC member Paul Benne who passed away on December 7, 2019. It was requested that city staff look into the logistics of getting something, such as a section of trail, named after Benne.

1.5. **Minutes of 11/15/2019 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1. **Committee elections:** Sevin was nominated for chair and Hardeman was nominated for vice chair. Edmunds moved to appoint Sevin chair and Hardeman vice chair; Cook seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1. **Public Works:** The City Commission awarded a contract for improvements at the intersection of Kimball Avenue and College Avenue as part of the North Campus Corridor project. This project will expand the trail on the north side of Kimball from Hillside to around Bill Snyder Stadium. About 1/3 of the gap on the north side of Kimball has been completed or is under construction with around 4,000ft of gap remaining.

The trail connection on North Manhattan Avenue is open. Currently it consists of limestone screenings with hopes to pave it when the weather is nicer.

Public works has begun looking at lighting options for the Old Blue River Trail near Hayes Drive.

With improvements to the levee, there is the potential to add more ramps on to Linear Park Trail. Hopes are to have one by Big Lakes and one by the animal shelter. Plans for the levee improvements have been moved back to 2021.

There have been discussions with Evergy to light the rest of the Denison Trail. There are plans to also add lighting on the Kimball Trail from Hudson Avenue to Vanesta Drive.

The City is working with Flint Hills aTa on grant applications for the 600 block of Poyntz for bus turnouts.

There has been a misconception about the percentage of transportation monies that the city has spent on bicycle and pedestrian projects, with data from the City's previous application to be a Bicycle Friendly Community suggesting that this figure is around 1%. It has not been identified how this figure was obtained but it seems to be inaccurate with updated calculations suggesting that at least 13% of the City's construction budget going towards bicycle and pedestrian projects. The number is likely higher than this, but in budgeting for construction many expenses that contribute to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure are muddled with other construction costs. There are plans to add a responsibility to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position to more accurately track these expenses in the future.

Crossing improvements and the addition of a trail at the intersection of Kimball Ave and Tuttle Creek Boulevard are in the second of three phases of construction with completion expected in March or April.

- 3.2. **Parks & Recreation:** There are plans to light and eventually pave the Old Blue River Trail as well as the potential for additional signage.

Plans for the Clarenburg trail would widen the sidewalk on the east side of City Park to 8 feet. The hope is to have this project under construction by the end of May or early in June.

- 3.3. **Community Development:** A draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan (BPSP) has been provided by Alta Planning and Design. There are still some minor changes to be made to some of the maps and language in the document. The prioritization matrix for parks and trails from the Parks and Recreation department will also be integrated into the document as it is not currently in any planning documents. The plan is to be presented to the City Commission as a proposed amendment to the city's comprehensive plan. The BPSP will be presented to the Planning Board on February 6.

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is under continued development but is in its final stages of refinement. The current goal is to get the UDO adopted during the summer.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Review & Comment, Bicycle and pedestrian provisions in proposed subdivision regulations in UDO:** Adam summarized the sections of the UDO pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian systems. Some clarifying questions were asked such as what the definition of “connectivity” versus “continuity” were. No significant changes were suggested to the UDO. Colburn suggested drafting a letter of support for the UDO.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members

Cook inquired about why many of the aTa bus stops have cardboard signs. The reason for this more temporary development is that some of the stops/routes are still being analyzed and may change. A covered bus stop will be place on Fremont and Manhattan Avenue. This led to a discussion regarding legal liability in regards to bus shelters being on the public right-of-way. This stop will be on placed in the park on City property so that aTa will not be required to pay for insurance for the stop.
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.
- 5.3. Next meeting: 1/17/2020 at 8:15 a.m.