

## Minutes

Friday, 17 July 2020

8:15 a.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

### 1. MEETING OPENING

- 1.1. Sevin called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.
- 1.2. Roll Call
  - Present: Joseph Edmunds, Carol Sevin, Nancy Baker, Ed Kalas, Annie Cook, Chris Spooner
  - Absent: David Colburn, Kevin Fateley, Brian Hardeman, Seth Scobee
  - Staff: Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Director of Parks and Rec; Alfonso Leyva, Parks Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator; John Adam, Senior Planner
  - Public: none
- 1.3. **Minutes of 6/19/2020 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Cook seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.
- 1.4. **Public Comments:** none.

### 2. REPORTS & UPDATES

- 2.1. **Public Works:** The City of Manhattan has obtained a \$3 million cost-share grant from the Department of Transportation for the North Manhattan Corridor project.
- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Since the last meeting of BPAC, the Clarenburg Trail Project has been put on hold because of CDBG funds being shifted for use on response to the pandemic. Two other trail projects have also been placed on hold because of to the shift of CDBG funds. These are an ADA ramp project on Pecan Circle & Rosencutter Road, and a trail connector project on South Manhattan Avenue.

Three new recreation centers are being constructed. The Douglass Community Center is anticipated to be completed in December. The site work is nearly complete, and the parking is complete for the Susan B. Anthony Recreation Center. Work on the walls will begin in July. The trail south of the recreation center will be opening before school starts in August. A new pedestrian crossing will be built on Browning Avenue as access to the middle school. This project is expected to be completed in February. Utilities are in progress and walls should begin going up in August for Eisenhower Recreation Center. This project has a

May 2021 completion date.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** The Community Development Department worked with the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition to apply for the Pathways to a Healthy Community grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. Manhattan was successfully accepted as a grant recipient and this money can be used for matching funds for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grants.

A corridor study of Poyntz Avenue will also be conducted. This will include determining what the mode share of this corridor will be in the future. This also leads to a consideration of the use of the current ninth grade center for consolidation of the City's resources once it is no longer used for education.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. **BPAC 2020–2021:** A subcommittee met earlier in the week to discuss and refine the [goals](#) for BPAC. The primary changes to the goals were the addition of the following two goals:

- Engage K-State students in local projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Encourage students to provide vision for the future of Manhattan.
- Upgrade existing bike boulevards to acceptable levels per the BPSP. (Open streets, traffic calming, chicanes, etc.)

Edmunds moved to adopt the BPAC 2020–2021 Goals, Spooner seconded. Motion passed 6–0.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Budget Situation:** Johnson reported that about ten percent of Public Works' operation budget (approx. \$1 million) has been put to use in COVID-19 response. This will involve cutting the Surface Transportation Funds (STP) from \$60,000 to \$30,000. This leads to less money for grant matching. If grants are to be applied for, the City may have to find solutions for matching funds before applying for the grant. This is most likely a temporary change.
- 4.2. **October Bike Month:** Adam inquired to the group whether there was interest in having a Bike Month celebration in October in a way that would follow COVID guidelines, social distancing, and potentially provide virtual options as opposed to in-person events. Sevin offered that Bike Month frames could be created for social media account profiles and virtual banners could be put up in places like the City's social media. Social media was offered as a major alternative to in-person events.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members.
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.