

Minutes

Friday, 21 August 2020

8:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting location

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Sevin called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Joseph Edmunds, Carol Sevin, Chris Spooner, Brian Hardeman, David Colburn, Seth Scobee

Absent: Nancy Baker, Kevin Fateley, Annie Cook, Ed Kalas

Staff: Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Director of Parks and Rec; Alfonso Leyva, Parks Planner; John Adam, Senior Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator

Public: None

1.3. **Minutes of 8/21/2020 meeting.** Spooner moved to approve the minutes; Edmunds seconded. Motion passed 3–0–3.

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Parks & Recreation:** The steel structure for the recreation center at Anthony Middle School is up. The Susan B. Anthony trail on the south side of the middle school. A new crosswalk is being installed at the north side of the middle school.

Two CIP projects were approved that would be of interest to BPAC. There will be a multiuse path on the west side of Hayes Drive from Casement Road to McCall Road which shall include crossings to the east side for access to businesses. The goal is to have this project completed prior to the start of the levee projects so that pedestrians and cyclists can have an alternative route while portions of Linear Trail and Old Blue River Trail are shut down.

The second approved CIP project is trail development at Stonehaven Park, a new park located in the southwest part of Manhattan. The park includes a 14-acre lake.

Parks and Recreation is working on applying for grants for new and/or improved bicycle and pedestrian access points along the levee for Linear Trail. Another application is being made for trailhead development at Schultz Park.

2.2. **Community Development:** The Community Development Department is looking

into what projects can/cannot be done with current budget limitations. The recently approved Blue Cross/Blue Shield Pathways grant may be used as a funding source to match Transportation Alternative grants in the next couple of years.

The Unified Development Ordinance has been delayed due to difficulties with public outreach due to Covid.

There has been some interest from members of the community to have an October Bike Month. Planning meetings for Bike Month are to come shortly.

- 2.3. **Public Works:** Design on the trail on the west side of Hayes Drive will begin shortly and the project will most likely begin construction in 2021.

A cycle track (two-way bike lane) from Aggieville to Old Claflin was approved in a City–University Fund request. Design will begin shortly to assess how the cycle track fits with the other aspects of the North Manhattan Corridor project.

The City has received a grant for another phase of Kimball Avenue. This includes a 10-foot trail. The current plan is to have the project bid later this year.

North Manhattan Avenue should ideally be open the week of August 31. There will still be construction but traffic should be able to resume.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. **Trail Count Locations:** Leyva presented several [maps](#) showing where recent counts have been taken. The counters are still in the possession of the city so more counts will be taken until other cities request to use the counters.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Grand Mere Roundabout Options:** Johnson presented [three options](#) for bringing the intersection of Kimball Avenue and Grand Mere Parkway up to current design standards. All options are nearly the same cost. The first option converts the current sidewalk into a signalized intersection. Both first two options would likely result in a 4–6-month complete closure of Kimball. The final option allows for Kimball to remain open throughout most of construction. BPAC generally favored the final option.
- 4.2. **Bike Rack Placement:** Adam presented a potential [bike rack location](#) near the post office downtown. Adam also inquired whether there is an existing policy for adding new bike racks around town. Johnson replied that there might have been at one point, but it has not come up recently. Johnson was in favor of the potential of having a policy. BPAC was in favor of having a bike rack in this location.

Some ideas were thrown around about potentially having public art bike racks. Some resources/partners that were offered up as options were the welding program at Manhattan Area Technical College, the Interior Architecture and Indus-

trial Design program at K-State, and the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

- 4.3. **Survey from BikeWalkMHK:** Sevin presented that there is a [survey](#) that BikeWalkMHK has created to prepare for the People's Forum for County Commission candidates and to grow additional understanding of how the county is involved in bike/ped infrastructure.
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
- 5.1. Updates and comments from members
 - 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.