

Minutes

Friday, 18 September 2020

8:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting location

1. MEETING OPENING

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

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Carol Sevin, Chris Spooner, Brian Hardeman, David Colburn, Seth Scobee

Absent: Kevin Fateley, 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.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Spooner seconded. Motion passed 7-0-1.

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Parks & Recreation:** The Parks and Recreation Department will be going to the City Commission for authorization of a contract to begin design on the Hayes Drive Trail.

The trails at Stonehaven Park are presently being designed.

2.2. **Community Development:** A bike rack has been purchased to be located at the post office. It will be installed in the near future.

There was a transportation coordination meeting in the week prior to this meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to determine funding sources now that much of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been moved to COVID-19 response. The curb extensions at 5th Street and Leavenworth Street should still be able to be funded with shifting funding sources.

A public review draft of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) will be available in the near future. Once this draft is available, pertinent parts will be presented to BPAC for input.

Bike Month planning is leaning towards a month-long asynchronous event in

October that encourages people to ride the “Little Apple Loop” around Manhattan.

- 2.3. **Public Works:** North Manhattan Avenue is open for two-way traffic. Signalization along North Manhattan is functional and pedestrians are able to use this corridor. Two blocks of the trail on the west side of the road shall be completed on the day of this meeting and will be open shortly.

Trail work on Kimball Avenue from College Avenue to Hillview Drive has just been completed. Construction at Kimball Avenue and College Avenue is continuing and is mostly complete.

Construction is beginning on a bus stop near Tointon Baseball Stadium. The 10ft trail from the stadium to Dickens Avenue will also be completed on the day of this meeting.

The two new HAWK (high-intensity activated crosswalk beacon) signals on College Avenue are now active. These signals are at Hobbs Drive and Via Christi Place.

Design work is in progress for a cycle track (two-way bike lane) on North Manhattan Avenue.

Authorization to begin design of Hayes Trail is going to the City Commission on October 6. The goal is to have the trail built before the end of 2021, before construction on the levee begins.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Intersection of Wreath Avenue and Kimball Avenue:** Cook brought up a concern with the pedestrian crossing to cross Wreath Avenue at this intersection. Cook presented that when she and her family attempted to cross at this location, cars heading eastbound on Kimball would continue to turn right while pedestrians were able to go. Johnson stated that methods for alerting vehicles that they are not to go while there is a pedestrian crossing would be looked into. Some form of signage is the most likely solution, at least in the short term.
- 4.2. **Bertrand Street Sidewalk Request:** A [letter](#) was sent to the City Commission by a Manhattan resident who had seen people walking in the street on Bertrand Street. Adam presented that there is a sidewalk gap on Bertrand Street from 8th Street to 5th Street. Adam suggests that if a section were to be prioritized along this section, Juliette Avenue to 8th Street would be recommended since sidewalks resume at 8th Street and there is a sidewalk connection on Juliette Avenue. Possibly several street trees would have to be removed to accommodate for this project. The question was posed to BPAC whether this is a project they would like to prioritize for Sidewalk Gap funding, Capital Improvement Program

(CIP) requests, and/or other funding opportunities. There was general consensus from the members of BPAC that, though this is a project that should be prioritized, it should likely take lower priority than the sidewalk gap on Jarvis Drive. It was discussed that counts of these two locations might lead to a clear understanding of what should be prioritized.

- 4.3. **Hayes Drive Trail:** The current plan for the Hayes Drive Trail is to have an 8-foot concrete multiuse path on the west side of Hayes Drive for the beginning of the Old Blue River Trail to McCall Road. There are plans for modification of the intersection of Casement Road and Hayes Drive. At the point of the construction of these modifications the trail shall be built from the Old Blue River Trail to this intersection. Crossings on Hayes to access businesses on the side opposite the trail are being considered with the potential for developing a benefits district to fund these crossings and sidewalk to connect the businesses resulting in few crossings being needed. The goal is to finish design this year, begin construction towards the beginning of 2021, and finish construction towards the end of 2021.
- 4.4. **Goals: Prioritization and Accomplishment:** Sevin reminded the members of BPAC of the [goals](#) that had been approved earlier in the year. Sevin wanted to make sure that the goals are considered and to see if members of BPAC had ideas for actionable projects that could work towards achieving the goals. Sevin offered that a bike rack design contest could be something to look into the logistics of. It was discussed that potentially having some small meetings to discuss action steps for the goals may be beneficial. Sevin encouraged the members of BPAC to come to the next meeting with some potential action steps to add to each of the major goals.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members. There were none.
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.