

Minutes

Friday, 18 December 2020

8:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting location

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Sevin called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, David Colburn, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Shanika Rose (in lieu of Ed Kalas), Seth Scobee, Carol Sevin, Chris Spooner, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)

Absent: Kevin Fateley

Staff: Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Director of Parks and Rec; Alfonso Leyva, Parks Planner; Jared Wasinger, Assistant to the City Manager; Ben Chmiel, Planner III; John Adam, Senior Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator

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1.3. **Minutes of 11/20/2020 meeting.** Colburn moved to approve the minutes; Cook seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** Design is in progress for the Hayes Drive Trail with hopes to have concepts to show to BPAC in the following month.

Potential funding will be identified in the first part of 2021 in order to pay for the cycle track (two-way bike lane) on the west side of North Manhattan Avenue. City/University funds were originally intended to be the primary source of funding for this project but these funds have taken a hit due to COVID-19 response. Design is still underway but has been slowed in response to the need for more funding.

Public Works is moving forward with design for Kimball Avenue on the north side of campus. This project will include a trail on the north side of Kimball Avenue. The hope is to have a trail that connects to the existing one on North Manhattan Avenue.

The rehabilitation of Kimball Avenue from Seth Child Road to Candlewood Drive is going out for bids. This will include the addition of a trail that is set further

back from the road than the existing sidewalk and the filling of an existing drainage ditch to make this corridor more pedestrian friendly.

- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** The FEMA project at Anneburg Park will include the paving of the parking at Anneburg as well as mitigation of the effects of flooding washing out the trails. This will be achieved by paving portions of the existing trails. The area is currently being surveyed and concepts will likely be available around February 1, 2021.

The Clarenburg Trail Project is still on hold awaiting availability of funding.

Plans are underway to formalize a pedestrian easement for the Garden Way Trail to make it an official trail connecting Linear Park Trail and Garden Way.

The bike lanes on Amherst Avenue are in the process of being extended to better access the site of Stonehaven Park. Stonehaven Park will include a trail around the pond, pond access, and other amenities in the future. The initial project for this park is to complete the loop around the pond.

The three recreation centers that are being built will likely be opening sometime between March and June 2021.

Kirkwood Drive, a new road, is being built next to Eisenhower Middle School and the Eisenhower Recreation Center. This will be the road that is used to access the Eisenhower Recreation Center and will include an 8 foot path on the east side of Kirkwood Drive. This will act as a connection between Marlatt Avenue and Walters Drive.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** The new bike rack was installed at the post office.

The Flint Hills Regional Counsel obtained funding to do a brownfields assessment and mitigation analysis. The City will therefore be creating a land reuse plan for the area north of the traffic circle intersection of 4th Street and Bluemont Avenue. A plan had been made previously to connect McCall Road to 4th Street across Tuttle Creek Boulevard. This analysis would identify brownfields that might need to be mitigated as part of this project and to identify land use around this area. The Plaza West area is the other location where funding from this grant will be used due to flooding problems in this area.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. **Goals: Prioritization and Accomplishment:** Sevin updated the group with the progress being made on a potential bike rack design competition. The Arts and Humanities Board talked about this potential project earlier in December. Sevin was unsure of what the results of this conversation were, but believes that this could be a good opportunity to work with the Arts and Humanities Board. The bike rack competition will likely be discussed again in the January or February meetings.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Election of Officers:** Edmunds nominated Sevin as chair and Baker as vice chair; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 9–0–0.
- 4.2. **North Manhattan Avenue Cycle Track:** Design is still underway for a cycle track (two-way bike lane) on the west side of North Manhattan Avenue between Claflin Road and City Park. This project is listed as a high priority in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan, though the intricacies and funding needed for this project make it a “do when” project to occur ideally as other improvements are being made to the corridor. A [memo](#) showing some specifics of the project was presented to BPAC. Part of this project corresponds with the next phase of the Aggieville Plan. There is a \$1 million commitment from City/University funds to pay for parts of the total project such as signalization. The total cost of the project is estimated to be around \$2.4 million. Bonds and the recent increase in local sales tax could be two potential funding sources for the rest of the cost of this project. The City is seeking a recommendation from BPAC for this project to see if BPAC is interested in moving forward with this project. Hardeman moved to have BPAC draft a letter of support for this project to be received by the City Commission; Colburn seconded. Motion passed 8–0–0.
- 4.3. **CIP Project Discussion:** Going into funding discussions for the annual budget for next year, the City is seeking recommendations for potential projects to add to the 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan. Staff recommended that the sidewalk gap on either side of the bridge on Fort Riley Boulevard be filled. This project would require a retaining wall in order to create a level sidewalk. Colburn moved to recommend the filling of the gap on Fort Riley Boulevard for the 2022 CIP Plan, Baker seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.

The sidewalk gap on McCain Lane from Old Claflin Road to Pioneer Road was previously recommended as a sidewalk gap project, corresponding with the filling of the gap on Old Claflin from North Manhattan Avenue to McCain Lane using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The CDBG funding became unavailable for the gap on Old Claflin and City staff suggests that BPAC recommend this as a potential CIP project. Hardeman suggested that this may be a good CIP project but should be a lower priority than the gap on Fort Riley Boulevard. Colburn moved to recommend the filling of the gap on Old Claflin Road for the 2022 CIP Plan, Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 8–0–0.

Tremblay brought up the idea of using CIP funding to fill the sidewalk gap on the east side of Jarvis Drive.

Baker recommended that CIP funds could also be used for smaller projects such as curb cuts to improve ease of accessing trails.

There will be more opportunities to share projects for CIP recommendations in the next meeting.

- 4.4. **Change of Meeting Time:** BPAC chose to move the meeting time to 8:15 a.m. on the second Friday of every month and to remove afternoon meetings to im-

prove consistency. Hardeman moved to accept this meeting time change, Colburn seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.