

Minutes

Friday, 8 January 2021

8:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting location

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Baker called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, David Colburn, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Shanika Rose, 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; Ben Chmiel, Planner III; John Adam, Senior Planner

Public: 0

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

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** Public Works hopes to provide BPAC with concepts for the Hayes Drive Trail at the BPAC meeting in February. The hope is to complete this project prior to the shutdown of Linear Trail.

The roundabout at the intersection of Amherst Avenue and Miller Parkway is now open. This roundabout includes some new bike trail.

Sidewalk repairs for Kimball Avenue are underway. Kimball Avenue rehabilitation from Seth Child Road to Candlewood Drive is out to bid. This should include the addition of a 10ft trail on the north side of Kimball Avenue.

2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Several planned projects are still on hold including the Clarenburg Trail in City Park. This project is waiting on the availability of CDBG funds.

The Anneberg Trail and parking lot mitigation project is still being planned. The consultant should have plans available by the 2/12 BPAC meeting.

The Parks and Rec Department applied for the Recreational Trails Program grant

from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) for the levee project to add three ramps connecting to the trails. The City should hear back sometime early this year.

The Kirkwood Trail, located between Marlatt Avenue and Walters Drive on the west side of Eisenhower Middle School, is currently under construction. This will likely be completed in May and will be a connection between the school and the recreation center which will be completed shortly after.

Design is being completed on a perimeter trail around the lake in Stonehaven Park. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board just adopted the Stonehaven Park Master Plan, and the plan will go before the City Commission for adoption in the near future.

There has been a portion of Linear Trail closed between Farm Bureau Road and Richards Drive for the past week to do maintenance on one of the bridges. This area should be opened again soon.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** As discussed in the prior BPAC meeting the City has received grant funding to study use of brownfield sites in Manhattan. There was a meeting about the use of these funds on 1/7/2021. One area that is being focused on is in the vicinity of 4th Street and the McCall Road extension. If this McCall Road extension were to be accepted, the area may be in a good position for redevelopment. There will also be a brownfield assessment and land reuse plan for Plaza West. Resiliency will be a major focus of this study due to the flooding that occurs in this area. Concepts for mixed-use development in this area were made by K-State students two years ago. The grant money must be spent by September so these projects will be moving quickly.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Annual Goal Setting/Prioritization and Accomplishment:** Spooner suggested that lists of accomplishments be assigned to related goals so that progress could be more easily seen.

Colburn suggested that effort be put into educating the public about the upcoming closure of Linear Trail and the alternative routes. Sevin suggested that this could also be used to educate people about the City, BPAC, and departments involved in bike/ped issues. Signage suggesting other paths was mentioned as a possible solution. Johnson suggested that he and Thompson could create a detour plan to present to BPAC at a future meeting.

The members of BPAC seemed to be happy with the goals as they currently exist. Sevin suggested that if any members thought of additional goals, they should present them at future meetings.

- 4.2. **Glossary of Funding Sources:** The [glossary of funding sources](#) was briefly presented.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members

Tremblay presented that Bike Walk MHK got a \$3,000 grant to distribute to bike repair locations so that people in the Essential Bikes Program can get their bikes repaired. Hardeman suggested that including a small repair kit when handing out bikes might also be a good solution.

Members of BPAC talked briefly about the Aggieville Plan.

Cook suggested that a very small mountain bike loop could be added to a park to engage kids in biking.

- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.