

Minutes

Friday, 12 March 2021

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: Nancy Baker, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Shanika Rose, Carol Sevin, Seth Scobee, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)
 - Absent: David Colburn, Kevin Fateley, Chris Spooner
 - 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; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator
 - Public: 0
- 1.3. **Minutes of 2/12/2021 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Cook seconded. Motion passed 7–0–0.
- 1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

- 2.1. **Public Works:** Johnson stated that the plans for the Hayes Drive trail are in the process of being developed.

The City Commission approved a cycle track (two-way bike lane) on the west side of North Manhattan Avenue from Bluemont Avenue to Fremont Avenue. Design for this project will begin in the next couple of months. Some approval was also given for expanding the cycle track north of Bluemont Avenue to Claflin Road.

The installation of a 10-foot trail on Kimball Avenue from Candlewood Drive to Seth Child Road will begin towards the end of March. Projects on Kimball Avenue and College Avenue are being finished and will include some new trails.
- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Leyva stated that the Clarenburg Trail is still on track to bid in May with construction starting in June.

The Anneberg Park parking lot and trail mitigation project is still moving forward, and the City has just sent back comments to the project consultant.

The Fremont Avenue raingarden project is beginning to move forward into further design and engineering.

Tremblay asked if there were plans for summer programming like the Parks and Recreation Department has done in the past. Thompson stated that there are plans for summer programming, but it may look slightly different due to the pandemic.

Thompson stated that construction on the Douglas Activity Center is being wrapped up. Design for parking on 10th Street and Yuma Street is underway and will likely include bulb-outs at 10th and Yuma and possibly 9th and Yuma.

Construction on the Anthony Recreation Center is also nearing completion with hopes to open it in May. The Eisenhower Recreation Center will likely be opening in July.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** Adam stated that the Community Development Department is carrying forward the recommendations for CIP projects from BPAC. The Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board also moved to support filling the sidewalk gap on Fort Riley Boulevard and installing a cycle track on North Manhattan Avenue.

Sidewalk gaps around the Douglas Center will soon be going to bid to be filled. These gaps are on South 9th Street and 11th Street. These are being funded using Sidewalk Gap Funds.

The draft Manhattan Development Code (formerly UDO) will be available for public input soon.

A prioritization list is being developed for projects in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan. A draft may be available for review at the 4/9 meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **North Manhattan Avenue Cycle Track New Plans:** Johnson presented new plans for the cycle track on North Manhattan Avenue. These included a [cross section](#) and a [cross section showing the existing barrier wall](#) on the K-State campus.

Sevin asked what the schedule might look like for plowing the cycle track when it snows. Thompson stated that K-State would likely be the group that plows the cycle track, but it may be a topic for further discussion.

Chmiel pointed out that one of the cross sections showed a 5-foot trail while the other showed an 8-foot trail and asked why that was the case. Johnson stated that the width between the road and the wall are variable and that K-State indicated a preference to fill in the distance between the cycle track and the wall with concrete.

- 4.2. **Anneberg Park Kids Bike Park:** Leyva presented a proposed small mountain bike loop in Anneberg Park. This project was originally recommended by Cook and Tremblay. Leyva showed several locations within the park and the location identified as the best location for this bike loop. Tremblay spoke to the need for small courses that improve balance and bike skills for children. Baker and other members of BPAC gave support for also locating a project like this in Northeast Park. Leyva stated that this type of development could be discussed in a revisitation of the Northeast Park Master Plan that will occur within the next couple of years. Cico Park was also mentioned as a potential future location for this type of project.

Hardeman moved to support the addition of a kids' bike park in Anneberg Park. Cook seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Cook asked if there would be enough funding available for more than one project. Tremblay stated that there would likely be enough for two or maybe three of this type of project.

- 4.3. **Beechwood Terrace Sidewalk:** Tripp presented the proposed addition of a [side-walk on the east side of Beechwood Terrace](#) from Clafin Road to an existing utility easement that would then be used to connect the sidewalk to the end of an existing sidewalk on Browning Avenue. This project would be funding using Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. BPAC showed general support for this project.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members

Sevin stated that K-State Libraries were putting on a workshop about Wildcat Creek and being prepared for flooding on 3/23.

- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.