

## Minutes

Friday, 14 May 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: David Colburn, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Shanika Rose, Carol Sevin, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)
  - Absent: Nancy Baker, Kevin Fateley, Seth Scobee, Chris Spooner
  - Staff: Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Director of Parks and Rec; Ben Chmiel, Planner III; John Adam, Senior Planner; Tyler Tripp, Bike/Ped Coordinator
  - Public: 0
- 1.3. **Minutes of 3/12/2021 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Colburn seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.
- 1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

### 2. REPORTS & UPDATES

- 2.1. **Public Works:** none
- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Thompson indicated that the City Commission has adopted the Stonehaven Park Master Plan. The first phase of park construction will be a paved loop trail around the pond on the site. The loop should be under construction over the summer.

The Anthony Recreation Center will be opening on 5/21/2021 and the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3:00. There will be an open house the following day from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- 2.3. **Community Development:** Adam stated that the Manhattan Development Code (MDC) is being rolled out for public review and adoption is expected to occur sometime in August or September.

Tripp indicated that item 4.2 on the agenda would be postponed until additional progress could be made on prioritizing projects outlined in the BPSP.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **MDC Review:** Adam showed the Engage MHK website and where to locate videos and information about the Manhattan Development Code (MDC), as well as the public version of the MDC itself.

Adam presented Division 26-5C of the MDC focusing on Transportation System Standards as part of the new subdivision regulations. The new regulations emphasize connectivity and accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians. New regulations would require sidewalks for new developments. Bike lanes on new arterial and collector streets would be required according to the most recent draft of the MDC unless there is a 10-foot-wide path on at least one side of the street. Tremblay had previously noted in discussions with City staff that separated paths or protected bike lanes are generally the standard for bicycle facilities on arterial streets. City staff intends to change this regulation to reflect this. Adam stated that Division 26-5B, focusing on Lot, Block, and Open Space Standards, also has relevant information about connectivity.

Adam presented Section 26-7B-4 which focuses on Off-Street Bicycle Parking requirements for new developments. Many new commercial and high-density residential developments would be required to include bicycle parking under the new code.

Division 26-7A includes requirements to build sidewalks should redevelopment of a property occur if that property does not already have sidewalks.

Adam encouraged members of BPAC to look through the MDC and reach out to him with any comments.

Hardeman asked whether the language requiring bike lanes on arterials would be completely removed. Adam stated that the section would be likely be altered but not removed.

Tremblay asked whether there was any language in the MDC that would require the installation of bike parking retroactively. Adam stated that a commercial change of use would require the installation of bike racks, but there is no language in the MDC that would require existing structures to include bicycle parking. Chmiel further elaborated that certain site development standards would require the addition of low-cost improvements such as bike parking for major renovation or site improvements. Chmiel also commented on the reduction of minimum automobile parking requirements.

Adam requested that members of BPAC and the public take the Crossroads MHK survey online to help direct the development of the Manhattan Strategic Plan.

Adam showed an interactive zoning map that accompanies the MDC on the city website.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

5.1. Updates and comments from members

Cook stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved of the addition of a children's bike park in Anneburg Park.

Members agreed to resume in-person meetings at the 6/11 meeting.

5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.