

Minutes

Friday, 11 June 2021

8:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting location

1. MEETING OPENING

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

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, David Colburn, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Shanika Rose, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)

Absent: Annie Cook, Kevin Fateley, Seth Scobee, Carol Sevin, Chris Spooner

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

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1.3. **Minutes of 5/14/2021 meeting.** Quorum was not established so approval of the minutes was postponed.

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** Johnson stated that Public Works is working through some design issues with the Hayes Drive trail. The goal is still to have the Hayes Drive trail operational by the time the levee closes. Construction on the levee will likely begin towards the end of 2021.

Public Works has received a “basis of design” memo for the North Manhattan Avenue cycle track between Bluemont Avenue and Old Claflin Road. Earliest construction on this portion of the cycle track would likely be in 2023 or 2024.

Sidewalk gaps on South 9th Street and 12th Street have been filled. Sidewalks on Allison Avenue are being worked on near Genesis Health Clubs.

Johnson and Adam explained that there has been some pushback against acquiring a pedestrian easement as part of the addition of sidewalk on Beechwood Terrace. Adam stated that the addition of sidewalk to the point where the easement would ideally be is still planned to move forward.

Baker inquired about jurisdictional boundaries on Scenic Drive because she attempted to report a pothole and the Report It app did not recognize the location of the pothole to be within the City.

- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Leyva stated that the City was not awarded the Recreational Trails Program grant for ramps onto the levee.

The Clarenburg trail and Anneberg Park trails have gone out to bid.

Work has begun on Stonehaven Park. Some additional utility work needs to be done and then the sidewalk will be added.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** Adam gave additional descriptions of the sidewalks on South 9th Street and South 12th Street.

Adam provided a brief update about the progress of the development of the Manhattan Development Code (MDC). Additional discussion occurred about the desire to have a letter of support from BPAC for adoption of the MDC, as well as a defense of bike parking and similar new regulations.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Automobile Parking Standards in the MDC:** Chmiel presented the changes in regulations for vehicle parking standards in the MDC. The new standards set lower minimum parking requirements and set maximum parking dependent on the use and the size of the facility. Parking requirements were designed to be relatively nonintrusive and to allow for developers to determine the amount of parking they feel is necessary. Additionally, the new regulations accommodate for the addition of EV charging spaces and compact parking spaces. Finally, the regulations also address changes of use as affecting the parking requirements to make change of use easier. Johnson also explained an existing policy of charging for excessive impermeable surfaces affecting stormwater annually.
- 4.2. **Bike/Walk Month Planning:** Tripp explained that the new Bike/Walk Month in September was a reimagining of Bike Month and was an opportunity to add/change aspects of Bike/Month and engage K-State students since they will be early in the fall semester. Tripp asked for any ideas or things members of BPAC would like to see during Bike/Walk Month. Tripp stated that he would send out a poll the following week to determine availability of people to meet to begin planning for Bike/Walk Month.

Colburn stated that Bike to Work Day and Bike to School day have had low attendance in the past but that events such as group rides tend to have more participation.

Tripp asked for suggestions about how to engage the student population during Bike/Walk Month. Colburn recommended having a table outside of the Student Union for part of Bike/Walk Month would be beneficial. BPAC members expressed concerns about the amount of information that students receive in September. Tripp offered that he could look into when the flow of information

slows down and that that may be a good time to address bike/ped education on campus. Another option that was offered was to be involved in the K-State activities fair. Colburn recommended working with Students for Environmental Action (SEA) to get into the fair. Tripp also stated that he could revamp Bike Walk at Kansas State University, a club he started and that disbanded during the Covid-19 pandemic, for additional engagement on campus.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.