

## Minutes

Friday, 13 August 2021

8:15 a.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

### 1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Baker called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, David Colburn, Annie Cook, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Seth Scobee, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)

Absent: Kevin Fateley, Shanika Rose, 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.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.

1.4. **Minutes of 6/11/2021 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.

1.5. **Minutes of 7/9/2021 meeting.** Edmunds moved to approve the minutes; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 6–0–0.

1.6. **Public Comments:** None.

### 2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** Johnson stated that Public Works is still working on the logistics of acquiring the necessary easements for the Hayes Drive Trail, with intent of sending letters soon indicating that the City may go to condemnation to obtain those easements.

Phase 10 of the North Campus Corridor project is going to bid. This project will include sidewalk connections on the north side of Kimball Avenue from Denison Avenue to North Manhattan Avenue.

Sidewalk gap projects for this year include Allison Avenue at Seth Child Avenue, and the gap on Beechwood Terrace.

The sidewalk on the south side of Kimball Avenue is now open.

Tremblay asked whether there was an update on closures that would be caused

by the levee project. Johnson stated that there would likely be a schedule for closures by October.

- 2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Leyva stated that funding has been obtained to build a kids' bike park in Anneberg Park. The bike park will be constructed on September 11.

Construction on the Clarenburg Trail will begin towards the end of August and will likely be completed towards the end of November.

Construction on the Stonehaven Park trail will likely begin sometime in the fall.

- 2.3. **Community Development:** Adam stated that final editing is being done on the Manhattan Development Code (MDC). The City Commission will be discussing areas of contention in the MDC the Tuesday following this meeting. This includes bike parking and similar regulations. Adam stated that a defense for bike parking regulations has been compiled from the Comprehensive Plan, the Manhattan Urban Area Transportation Strategy (MATS), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan (BPSP), etc. Cook recommended including an article from the Manhattan Mercury that supported bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the defense.

Tripp stated that there are currently 3-4 events planned for Bike/Walk Month and that there is a meeting on Thursday to check in on community members involved in planning Bike/Walk Month.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. None.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Sidewalk Gap Project Selection:** Tripp presented the [memo](#) addressing the selection of next year's sidewalk gaps. The first options presented were the gaps on the 1400 block of McCain Lane and Claflin Road. Johnson stated that the gap on Claflin Road might be filled in the summer of 2022 using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Tremblay stated that the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition has some funds that could be used towards this project. Johnson stated that filling the gap on Claflin would cost around \$225,000.

Tripp stated that BPAC should disregard the second option in the memo as it has been filled.

Tripp presented the gap on Sarber Lane. Johnson stated that there are plans to turn Sarber Lane into a three-lane road in 2025 and recommended not selecting this section for sidewalk gap funds for the time being.

Tripp presented a small gap on the 500 block of Yuma Street.

Tripp presented a gap on the 1800 block of Fairchild Terrace. Filling this gap would connect residential uses to the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Anderson Avenue.

Johnson asked to see the gap on 4th Street south of Poyntz Avenue. It was realized that this was a typo and that the gap was actually on 5th Street south of Colorado Street. There are gaps on both sides of the street.

Colburn stated that the staff report incorrectly referred to a gap on 12th Street from Colorado to Tuttle Creek Boulevard. In actuality, this gap goes to Fort Riley Boulevard.

Adam pointed out a gap on the east side of 14th Street between Houston Street and Poyntz Avenue.

Tremblay recommended either filling the gap on Claflin/McCain or Fairchild Terrace. Hardeman stated that he was unsure whether there was enough volume to justify filling the gap on Fairchild.

Adam stated that the purpose of filling the gaps on Claflin and McCain would be to connect a large apartment complex and other residential uses to the K-State campus. Johnson explained that much of the cost associated with McCain Lane are grading issues.

Tremblay inquired about the gap on Jarvis Drive. Tripp explained that he will be getting distance measurements for trees in that section and that an impact analysis would follow. Tripp stated that nearly all trees along the road on the east side would likely need to be removed so it is a matter of getting support to remove the trees in favor of a pedestrian connection.

Hardeman asked about the status of the gap on Fort Riley Boulevard and Westwood Road and whether that might be a good project to use sidewalk gaps funds on once the bridge is completed. Johnson stated that that project was already in the 2022 CIP.

Baker asked if the City was responsible for maintaining the bike/ped underpass at Tuttle Creek Boulevard and Marlatt Avenue. Johnson stated that it is within the what the City would be responsible for. Baker stated that the underpass does not drain sufficiently and fills with mud. Johnson stated that he would follow up and see who should sweep that section.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

### 5.1. Updates and comments from members

Tremblay asked for members to spread the word about the Coffee Cruise event and the construction of the kids' bike park in Anneberg Park.

### 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.