

Minutes

Friday, 10 September 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, Carol Sevin, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)

Absent: Kevin Fateley, Shanika Rose, Chris Spooner

Staff: 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 8/13/2021 meeting.** Cook moved to approve the minutes; Hardeman seconded. Motion passed 7–0–0.

1.4. **Public Comments:** None.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** none

2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** Leyva stated that construction on the Clarenburg Trail has begun.

Construction of the Anneberg Park Mitigation Project has begun. Portions of the trails will be closed for construction.

The construction of the kids' bike park in Anneberg Park will occur on September 11. Community members are encouraged to participate in the construction process.

2.3. **Community Development:** Adam stated that the proclamation of Bike/Walk Month occurred on Tuesday September 7. The City participated in Free for All Friday outside the K-State Student Union to hand out bike maps and other resources.

Tripp updated the board on the media postings for Bike/Walk Month and gave a summary of the events. Sevin suggested adding the local Walk with a Doc event to Bike/Walk Month in future years.

Adam gave an update on the Manhattan Development Code (MDC). Maximum parking requirements have been removed from the MDC.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- 3.1. **Sidewalk Gap Project Selection:** Tripp presented the [memo](#) addressing the selection of next year's sidewalk gaps. Tripp stated that the primary recommendation of staff is to fill the gap on McCain Lane. Tripp stated that the gap on Claflin Road will likely be filled using CDBG funding and that the cost of filling this gap would exceed the amount of Sidewalk Gap Funds available.

Adam stated that it would likely be beneficial to wait for redevelopment to naturally fill in the sidewalk gap on the 500 block of Yuma Street. Tripp stated the gaps on 5th Street south of Colorado Street will also likely be filled with future redevelopment and the new regulations coming with the MDC.

Colburn stated that there is a raised storm drain on the sidewalk along Claflin Road that is hazardous for cyclist. Adam and Tremblay recommended using the ReportIt app to report the issue. The City is very responsive to reports made using the app.

Cook suggested a gap on Sunset Avenue between Claflin Road and College Heights Road on the west side. She stated that the west side of the road is heavily trafficked by pedestrians.

Hardeman suggested looking at highly trafficked areas such as Jarvis Drive. Adam explained that staff is working through the challenges associated with Jarvis. A cost-impact assessment will need to be done and the support of City Manager's Office will likely need to be obtained to fill the gap on Jarvis Drive.

Tremblay suggested doing the Claflin Road/McCain Lane project, as BPAC has been trying to get sidewalk in that location for a number of years.

Edmunds asked if making Jarvis Drive a one-way street or removing parking on one side of the street had been considered. Tripp stated that the idea of removing parking on one side and extending the curb had been discussed but that there were too many challenges associated with doing so and it is difficult to remove parking.

Colburn recommended filling the gap on Bertrand Street between 8th Street and Juliette Avenue. Colburn stated that there are issues with vehicle speed on Bertrand. Cook asked if it would be possible to install speed bumps on Bertrand. Adam stated that this would likely not be possible given the road's classification as a collector.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. none

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. Updates and comments from members

Colburn asked for a summary of the events remaining in Bike/Walk Month.

Tripp read off the list of remaining events and their dates. Sevin stated that the bike cap making event would occur on September 26.

Cook suggested encouraging schools to change their Bike to School Day to fall within the new Bike/Walk Month. Cook stated that this would be a good opportunity to promote Bike/Walk Month events on posters within the local schools.

5.2. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.