

## Minutes

15 February 2018

4:30 p.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

### 1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Paul Benne, Joseph Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Karen Hawes, Julie Hettinger, Adam Inman, Seth Scobee (in at 5:08p.m.), Jared Tremblay, Brent Chamberlain

Absent: Dave Colburn, Jonathan Eden, Paul Benne

Staff: Mark Lee, Traffic Engineer; Ben Chmiel, Planner II; John Adam, Senior Planner & Cmte. Liaison; Jennifer Nielsen, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Alfonso Leyva, Park Planner

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1.3. Public Comments: Rod Harms spoke about the 99 acres of surplus right of way that the city commission denied. He wants to look into revisiting this with recommendation from the board in the future.

1.4. Minutes of the 1/19/2017 meeting. Chamberlain moved to approve; Edmunds seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 **2019-2023 CIP projects.** Adam presented the board with a list of proposed CIP projects, transportation alternative projects, infrastructure improvements, and safety education projects for 2019-2023. Lee asked BPAC for a recommendation on CIP projects for the current terms application. Chamberlain inquired about budget considerations regarding the projects. Adam elaborated on the budget and how funding for these projects works in relation to resources available.

Chamberlain mentioned the fatal pedestrian crash on college heights. Lee reported that this project was budgeted for this 2018 and is under design currently for construction in 2018. Hardeman discussed a post on the

Neighborhood Nextdoor site about a pedestrian crash on 12th and Bluemont. Discussion commenced on four-lane pedestrian crossing dangers with and without control regarding city policy. Lee said that upper management is aware of the need for these improvements but there are a lot of locations and prioritization among these locations needs to be done.

Inman brought up pedestrian safety education, speaking on cellphone usage when crossing streets. Hettinger mentioned a safety campaign.

Adam discussed each of the following projects individually for 2019: N. Manhattan bike lanes, Sunset connector (Phases 1 and 2), 17th street bike and ped improvements, Juliette Ave (Phase 4), and annual projects (Safe Routes to School, bike racks/utility stations, bike maps, enhanced outreach, and safety education inserts).

Edmunds asked about the Valley Drive sidewalk project, Lee mentioned that it didn't receive enough neighborhood support and is on hold.

Chamberlain brought up the problematic intersection of 17th and Anderson. Traffic here backs up due to cars trying to turn into the restaurant, hotel, and gas station in this block. Turning laws involving crossing over double yellow lines were discussed as well as possibilities to redirect traffic accessing the commercial parts of the east side of 17th at Anderson. Concerns involving pedestrian and bicycle safety were voiced due to the complex traffic flow here.

Adam discussed the following 2020 projects: N. Manhattan two-way bike lane (phase 2 and 3), 14th street bike lane (Anderson to Poyntz), 14th street bike route (Anderson to Fremont), bulb-outs on Fremont for pedestrians and traffic calming, Poyntz Ave road diet down to three lanes and add bike lanes, and annual projects.

Chamberlain discussed connecting the west side of Seth Child to the rest of Manhattan. Hardeman brought up some of the potential solutions that have been discussed, mentioning an elevated pedestrian highway. Adam mentioned the items related to this in the current 5 year plan being very large projects.

Chamberlain also inquired about how the public can be more informed of and involved with the BPAC committee. Hettinger mentioned the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition newsletter trying to combat the lack of public outreach. Nielsen offered to add more information on the April utility insert about the BPAC committee.

Adam discussed 2021 projects: Wreath Ave trail (Anderson to Dickens), Tuttle Street bike boulevard (Tuttle Creek boulevard to Northview Park), 16th Street boulevard (Humboldt to Houston), and annual projects.

Adam discussed 2022 projects: Sunset connector (phase 3), 14th Street bike boulevard (Poyntz to Yuma), and annual projects.

Adam discussed 2023 projects: Griffith Drive bike lane (TCB to Casement) and annual Projects.

Edmunds asked about the Wildcat Creek Bridge; Tremblay added that it is funded and will be a 10 foot multi-use trail with careful flooding accommodations.

Lee updated on the push for green bike lanes being set out for another year. Lee mentioned Aggieville, pedestrian and N. Manhattan Corridor studies happening to tie into the cycle track project. Lee mentioned how the 2019 N. Manhattan CIP project item will improve the 13% usage of the Aggieville contraflow bike lane with way finding signs and intersection improvements.

Tremblay recommended implementing Lead Pedestrian Indexes at all high volume pedestrian crossings to increase the amount of time between lights and pedestrian crossings. Tremblay stated that he thinks all of the crossings from 17th to Manhattan Ave should have these.

BPAC recommended project prioritization of 2019 CIP projects in the following order: First, N. Manhattan bike lanes (phase 1). Second, Sunset connector phase 2. Third, Sunset connector phase 1. Last, 17th Street bike and ped improvements. Edmunds moved; Hawes seconded 5-0-0

- 2.1. **Bike Map Update.** Nielsen updated on the changes to the bike map involving advocacy and routes to Tuttle Creek State Park.

### 3. REPORTS & UPDATES

- 3.1. **Public Works.** Lee discussed the three community meetings last week. Jarvis Drive sidewalks: this project needs more feedback and support from property owners. Most of the concerns were the impact of the sidewalk placement with existing trees, maintenance and liability, and effect on taxes. Westview sidewalks: neighborhood was adamant about no sidewalks, but would prefer removal of west side parking (Anderson to Grandview) and pedestrians walking in the street. Another meeting will be held the first week of March to further discuss parking changes.

Kimball Widening: between Hudson trail and Vanesta, three lane road section to alleviate rear-end collisions at intersections. Lee also mentioned Manhattan high school crossing at sunset and Poyntz will be receiving flashing ped beacons with revised crossing signs.

- 3.2. **Parks & Recreation.** Leyva spoke on ongoing projects being the Ferda project which goes out to bid soon and Old Blue River trail. Jorgenson trail to be constructed by Aaron Apel and to be finished by May of 2018.
- 3.3. **Community Development.** Adam spoke on the UDO phase 2 material about parking which will be a discussion topic next month. Revision of subdivision regulations staff are trying to create new regulations to require sidewalks on both sides of local streets. Hettinger asked if community support of these regulations helps.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. **Bike Month Planning.** Nielsen updated the committee on bike month planning so far. Nielsen mentioned that the first meeting was held on the 7th of February where event dates and coordinators were distinguished.
- 4.2. **Wellness Coalition time during February meeting.** Hettinger talked about the Community Health Improvement Plan, identifying advocacy about biking and walking. Hettinger mentioned the newsletter the coalition sent out last month. Hawes brought up the BSAP program going into elementary schools to advocate for parents starting to get bikes for their children.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.
- 5.2. Next meeting: 3/16/2018 at 9:00 a.m.