

Minutes

Friday, 10 June 2022

8:15 a.m.

City Commission Room

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1. Colburn called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Nancy Baker, David Colburn, Annie Cook, Shanika Rose, Seth Scobee, Carol Sevin

Absent: Joseph Edmunds, Kevin Fateley, Brian Hardeman, Chris Spooner, Jared Tremblay (non-voting)

Staff: John Adam, Senior Planner; Ben Chmiel, Planner III; Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Nick Saia, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Public: One

1.3. **Public Comments:**

Annie Cook asked for a follow-up from Parks and Recreation on installation of the Anneberg Kids Park Sign.

2. REPORTS & UPDATES

2.1. **Public Works:** Brian Johnson said that the extension of Hayes trail halfway to Casement Rd. will start this year. Johnson said that the Kimball to Dennison construction was on schedule, and that the south side sidewalk was complete. Johnson said the 600 block of Poyntz project to add a mid-block crossing and bulb-outs would bid in August.

2.2. **Parks & Recreation:** none.

2.3. **Community Development:** Adam said that there were grants to be discussed later in the meeting

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. **SPARK grant**

Nick Saia said that 10 SPARK grants of \$1,500 each would be awarded to support outreach and community engagement activities. Saia said that it would not support most infrastructure but could fund bike racks or temporary structures.

Cook said that this could fund the printing and distribution of bike/ped materials to the school district. Cook said that this could include promotional and safety training material.

Carol Sevin said that this grant could support a bike-rack design competition for college students. Sevin said that the Manhattan Area Technical College no longer had a design program but may be able to fabricate designs created by K-State students in the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design. Sevin said that new creator facilities in the library could help students model their work.

Nancy Baker said that this grant could be used to reach out to K-State students in the fall.

David Colburn said that this grant could be used to build bike/ped awareness into driver's ed programs.

4.2. **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant**

Saia said that the SS4A grant would support initiatives to reduce roadway fatalities. Saia said that it was staff's goal to prioritize safety-critical projects from those identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan. (BPSP) Saia said that this would create a list of improvement projects most competitive for this grant.

Saia asked how BPAC wanted to weigh certain consideration factors.

Baker said that creating access to key destinations, such as City Park, should be included.

Sevin asked how our projects would pursue sustainability. Saia answered that selecting exclusively Bike/Ped projects was, in his opinion, inherently sustainability focused.

4.3. **Bike/Walk Month planning**

Sevin said that she wanted to return observance of Bike/Walk Month to May. Sevin asked if BPAC could vote to change this.

Baker said that a September observance of Bike/Walk Month was not effective in collecting interest from K-State students. Baker said that she thought the date change from May to September was only temporary.

Colburn said that returning to May would capitalize more effectively on the cycling season. Adam said that moving Bike/Walk Month to May could be placed on the July agenda.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 5.1. Updates and comments from members
- 5.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.