



GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Room 208, Municipal Building

ATTENDENCE

Present: Jason Sanchez, Ginni Stevens, Jim Walter, Jeff Fassett, Nancy Olson, Bebe Molway, Jo Butler, Wes Bay, Brent Lathrop, Shawn Kirkwood, Molly Bennett, Pete Laybourn, Jeanie Shrednik, AJ Swain

Absent: Dick Krahenbuhl, Leann Koons, Wayne Shenefelt, Sam Payne

Call to Order and Approval of January 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Jim Walter called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 9th. The motion passed unanimously.

Interviews and Vote on Selection of Citizen Members: Jeanie introduced Seth Ulvestad to the committee, she mentioned Eric Prior is sick and won't be able to join the meeting today. Seth gave a brief introduction of himself and some of his relevant work experience. Jim made a motion to welcome Seth to become a member of the committee, the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Update – Sam, Molly: General Maintenance – Jason said the updates consisted of typical maintenance and snow removal. He also mentioned he will be recommending adding a new full-time employee to help to manage the workload while preparing for spring. He said they will be working with the library to implement a story walk along the greenway between Johnson Junior High and Goins Elementary school. They are hoping to have an MOU in place within the next month.

Engineering Projects that Effect or Include Greenway Update – Wes, Molly: Wes said they are starting dredging projects along Crow Creek and Dry Creek. His team is working to come up with a plan for dredging and maintenance cycles. They are working to come up with a design that can be submitted for approval by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Greenway Projects Update – Jeanie

a. US-30 Underpass

Jeanie mentioned construction began last Monday, February 5th. Contractor will begin on south side underpass first then move to the north. Greenway will be closed as no detours are readily accessible. Expect completion late summer.

b. Kiwanis Park Constructed Wetlands and Trail

Jeanie said the city was recommended for \$120,500 funding from WYDEQ. Waiting to hear on next steps. Engineering is working on Sun Valley to Kiwanis

park greenway connection under the UPRR railroad.

c. Rotary Park

The steering Committee met to discuss the project on January 31st. Expect concepts in the next month. Jeanie will inform the group regarding public outreach for the project.

d. GW Connector, south side ARP Elementary to Niobrara Energy Park

The developers at Niobrara Energy Park have agreed to pay the GW account \$60,000 to close out their Development Agreement with the City/County. Jeanie will be working toward getting design work done this spring.

Begin the process of determining next 6th Penny Expansion/Maintenance funding for inclusion on Ballot in 2025 - Jeanie

Expected November 2025, typically around \$60 million in City projects and \$40 million in County/Small Town projects. Ask for Expansion and Maintenance Funding. One idea is construction of Yellowstone Underpass away from the creek. Jeff Fassett asked for a breakdown of recent greenway funds allocations and recent spending. Jeanie said the committee had 2.5 million for maintenance and Jason could better explain. Jason explained the 2.5 million is going to the cost of maintaining 2 full-time employees and purchasing and maintaining equipment for those employees. His team replaced the bridge decking behind old Chicago. They also repaired the wall behind Pier 1 and fixed the drainage problem in Lions Park just west of the Central Underpass. Jeanie said we got 3.5 million for greenway expansion, with a large portion going towards the US-30 underpass construction costs. Other expenses included purchasing properties needed to extend the greenway from Sun Valley to Kiwanis Park and paying Summit engineering, who is working on the Sun Valley to Kiwanis Park engineering design. Jeanie and Jason said they will be providing an itemized sheet to explain the allocation of 2021 6th Penny funds since we started collection. Lonnie gave an update on the status of the Winkler property, east of Kiwanis Park; the property needs more environmental testing before purchasing this property. Previously, the Winkler property was going to be purchased via a 3-way split between Fire department, Engineering, and Kiwanis Park funds.

MPO Projects Update – Ginni

- a. **West Crow Creek Greenway 35% Plan Update.** Ginni said everything from last meeting still stands true, we received an update from the AFB base to identify realistic options. In the process to update options on Missile Drive and 19th. Hoping to have a public meeting during the summer. Base will not allow the greenway to go onto base due to potential security issues, must find another option for the connection.
- b. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan Update.** Ginni said there were 485 responses to the online survey. The website had 15000 hits. Next step is to conduct surveys with all of the school principals. Once all of the information is combined there will be an update at the following committee meeting.

Spring Greenway Cleanup

Tentative Saturday May 4th through Sunday May 19th

Greenway Foundation Update – Nancy Olson

Nancy reported the next meeting will be next Tuesday, the 20th at noon at the library. The Foundation will be covering Spring Into Green, 5k. More information to follow.

Other items: None

Jim Walter adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm