



GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Room 208, Municipal Building

ATTENDENCE

Present:

Molly Bennett, Jeanie Shrednik, Jo Butler, Dick Krahenbuhl, Nancy Olson, Pete Laybourn, Bebe Molway, Jeff Fassett, Eric Prior, Shaun Kirkwood, AJ Swain, Jason Sanchez, Sam Payne, Seth Ulvestad, Wes Bay, Jeff Noffsinger, Ginni Stevens, Vicky Bonds, Jim Walter, Charles Bloom.

Absent:

Wayne Shenefelt

Call to Order and Approval of February 13th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Nancy made a motion to amend last month's meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved with two corrections.

Interview and Vote on Selection of Citizen Member:

Jeanie introduced Eric Prior to the committee. Eric gave a brief self-introduction and explained his daily use of and interest in the greenway. He has been a Cheyenne resident for the last 19 years. Motion was made and seconded to make Eric a member of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Update:

Sam said they are doing the usual maintenance and snow removal. Preparing equipment to begin mowing in the coming weeks. They are adding ice melt to the tunnels along the greenway. There were a few volunteer groups that have been helping by picking up trash along the greenway. Parks has repaired all of the bicycle repair stations on the greenway (4 stations). Molly said the county has been meeting with a consultant to put together a dredging plan along Allison Draw, she doesn't have a timeline, but the project is expected to happen in the next 3-5 years. Jim asked if there was a plan to maintain the portion of Christiansen rd, it needs better upkeep. Jeanine said that portion of the greenway isn't connected to anything, so it hasn't been a priority. Jason mentioned that area is one area they are planning to focus on after acquiring a new full-time employee to help with maintenance and upkeep.

Maintenance Budget Update and Discussion on Future 6th Penny Sub-Committee:

Jason mentioned in 2017 voters approved 800k to be applied towards maintenance. In 2021 2.5 million was received for greenway maintenance. Since July 2018 975k has been spent towards maintenance expenses. About 600k has been spent in wages and benefits for staff. They have purchased \$180,865 worth of Equipment. They are still in need of a new full-time employee for the Greenway and that expected expenditure has been added

to the upcoming proposed budget. A utility cart with attachments and mowing equipment would also be purchased for that new employee. He anticipates they will need \$696,666 for wages and benefits, leaving approximately 1 million dollars for maintenance projects. 75k for concrete replacement and grinding, 30k for pump maintenance, 25k for lighting repairs and 40k for miscellaneous repair expenses. Jason suggests the committee break off into smaller groups to discuss plans to fund the Yellowstone Tunnel project as well as other projects around town.

Engineering Projects that Effect or Include Greenway Update:

Wes said he is writing a scope for 19th and Missile, this connection will be crucial to the planning study the MPO is conducting for W. Crow Creek Greenway at the moment. Molly said there will be reconfiguration of the Citrus and Division intersection as Division is extended to Wallick. Pavement will be pulled back to be tied into project. Project will more than likely result in a detached portion of the greenway.

Cheyenne Business Parkway Natural Area and Fishing Pond:

Shaun gave a presentation about a pond LCCD is building on the Cheyenne LEADS property. They have excavated over 42,000 cubic feet of soil now. The pond is designed to hold 18 to 20 acre feet of water. The pond is expected to be stocked with Blue Gill and Large Mouth Bass over the next two years. The pond is 16ft deep and Wyoming Game & Fish has committed to stocking it. The pond will be used to primarily hold water instead of fishing. The pond is being vegetated right now. Opening date TBD, June expected.

Greenway Projects Update:

US-30 Underpass

Jeanie showed pictures taken of construction of the underpass from Tuesday March 5th and read an update from Wayne Shenefelt, "Reiman and Aztec are moving fairly quickly on the Pedestrian Underpass. They are hoping to have the rest of the box set and backfilled mid to late next week. They do have the walls completed on the South side and will start to set forms on the North side once the box is set. Once we get the box and walls completed, I would imagine that Aztec will set their focus on the dirt work for mainline. Reiman will be doing all the curb and gutter and sidewalks, so as soon as Aztec gets the dirt to grade, and crushed base placed, Reiman will be able to get the concrete work done. I am not sure what order they are going to get all of that accomplished, but hopefully the greenway will get connected sooner rather than later. It would be nice to be able to allow the use of it again."

GW Connector, south side ARP Elementary to Niobrara Energy Park

Jeanie reported that Council is reviewing an amendment to a Development Agreement to accept 60K for the alternative connection.

Sun Valley to Kiwanis Park Connector

Jeanie stated that the FY25 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Statement of Intent process has opened and SOP's are due by April 15th. She will apply again for the project and will have 100% completed plans prepared prior to the full grant application.

Spring Greenway Cleanup Confirmation:

Jeanie reminded the committee that cleanup will be 3 weeks. May 4 to May 19th.

Greenway Foundation Update:

Nancy stated that Spring to Green 5k is scheduled for June 15. The race is currently being advertised on Facebook with flyers to come. The next Foundation meeting will be at noon at the library in the sunflower room.

Other items:

Ginni Stevens announced that she is leaving the MPO

Jim Walter adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm