



## GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
Room 208, Municipal Building

### ATTENDENCE

#### **Present:**

Molly Bennett, Jeanie Shrednik, Jo Butler, Nancy Olson, Bebe Molway, Jeff Fassett, Eric Prior, Shaun Kirkwood, AJ Swain, Sam Payne, Seth Ulvestad, Wes Bay, Vicky Bonds, Jim Walter, Wayne Shenefelt, Christopher Yaney.

#### **Absent:**

Dick Krahenbuhl, Pete Laybourn, Jason Sanchez, Jeff Noffsinger.

#### **Call to Order and Approval of March 12th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.**

Jim called the meeting to order at 12:02. Seth made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bebe. The motion was passed with no objections.

#### **Maintenance Update – Sam Payne, Molly Bennett**

Sam said the Greenway maintenance department recently lost an employee. The employee was still in the probationary period and sustained a personal injury that will require him to miss significant time and he was no longer able to do the job tasks required. They have hired a new employee who is scheduled to start next week. There is an additional position open, and they are conducting interviews. They are working on routine maintenance now and are gearing up and preparing equipment to switch from snow removal to mowing for the spring and summer seasons. They have replaced drain grates at 12<sup>th</sup> St and concrete has been poured near the Bicycle Station. Bicycle Station underpass should be fully functional at this point. Molly said she didn't have any updates from the county.

#### **Engineering Projects that Effect or Include Greenway Update – Wes Bay, Molly Bennett**

Neither Wes nor Molly had any projects to report.

#### **Greenway Projects Update – Jeanie**

##### **a. US-30 Underpass**

Contractor making great progress, walls poured on both sides of the underpass as of last Thursday. There is no solid determination on total cost of the project from Engineering yet. There have been three added change orders totaling \$75,000 for railing, concrete cure and added cobble for water found on the north end of underpass project. Wayne said on the southside of the underpass most of the concrete has been poured. On the north side they are working on grading and preparing to start pouring concrete once

grading is complete, they should be done by the end of the week. After that they will focus on clean-up and prep for painting the walls. Lighting has not been installed yet. Wayne expects it will be at least another month before the underpass is reopened for public use. The electrician is expected to be here next month to install the lighting, which would be the last part of construction before reopening. Jeanie said she is working with engineering to determine what the underpass share of the cost for US-30 will be. She doesn't have a firm number at the moment but she is expecting around 2.2 million dollars coming from Greenway 6<sup>th</sup> Penny.

**b. Sun Valley to Kiwanis Park Connector**

Submitted Statement of Intent for FY25 TAP grant last Friday. Next step is a site visit to discuss the project, end of April into May. The final application is due mid-July. Jeanie said she is expecting to ask for 1 million dollars from the TAP grant, 6<sup>th</sup> Penny would then match around \$700,000. She said she is thinking of ways to fund the project in phases based on the available funding after US-30. Eric asked if there were any expected issues with neighbors along that section of Greenway. Jeanie explained to the committee that the new Greenway was on city property and does not cross private property. Shaun informed the committee that the water detention pond (not a fishing pond) on the LEADS parcel has been completed. They are done with the excavating process, and there is water being held in the pond as well as water flowing through it. Wes said they have received a FEMA grant to do a design project to try to isolate the historic hydraulic structure under the railroad between Kiwanis Park and the LEADS property to the south. They are writing a scope now and should have the project in the works shortly. He said he is expecting this to be an expensive project and estimates the costs could exceed 11 million dollars. This is a long-range project that isn't a high priority for the city now. Jeanie mentioned the Kiwanis Club has put signs in the Kiwanis Park area to remind dog owners to keep pets on a leash and to be respectful of private property.

**c. Niobrara Energy Park, Allison Draw Connector**

Received \$60,000 from Niobrara Developer last week.

**2025 Greenway 6<sup>th</sup> Penny Project, Sub-committee - Jeanie**

Meeting to be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every other month beginning in April. City Municipal Building, Rm 208, Members; Jeff Fassett, Seth Ulvestad, Nancy Olson, Jim Walter, Molly Bennett, Wes Bay. Invite for meeting, Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, noon to 1:30 pm

**Spring Greenway Cleanup Reminder – Jeanie**

Letter and emails went out last week regarding the cleanup. Does our group want to participate in an area that is not adopted? Don't usually have a great turnout for these. Cleanup dates will be from Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> until Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Nancy said she would like to try. There are a few new members that might be interested. Jeanie said she got an email from Eric Prior stating Wallick & Volk will take on the section of greenway along Powderhouse and Dell Rangefor two years.

**Greenway Foundation Update – Nancy Olson**

Nancy said they are getting ready for Spring into Green. There is a Foundation meeting next Tuesday at noon at the library. The meeting will be held in the Sage room. The race will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> and anyone that wants to help set up and mark the course can contact Nancy or Jeanie. Nancy said the Foundation will have a table setup at the Safe Kids Day/Bike Rodeo at the YMCA with a spinning wheel and prizes for kids on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**No meeting in June – Jeanie**

Jeanie will be on vacation.

**Other items:**

Jeanie mentioned there is a Parks & Recreation Master Plan, on-line survey open currently. She encouraged committee members to take a flyer to post in their respective areas of town and to encourage people to participate in the survey.

**Jim Walter adjourned the meeting at 12:36 pm**