



GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Room 208, Municipal Building

ATTENDENCE

Present:

Jeanie Shrednik, Jo Butler, Nancy Olson, Bebe Molway, Eric Prior, AJ Swain, Seth Ulvestad, Wes Bay, Vicky Bonds, Jennifer Corso, Jeff Fassett, Molly Bennett, Pete Laybourne

Cindy Kaiser- citizen guest

Absent:

Jim Walter, Jason Sanchez, Sam Payne, Dick Krahenbuhl, Ryan Shields, John Poelma,

Call to Order and Approval of October 8th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Jim is out of town, so Jo Butler is acting as chair. Nancy made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Molly seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Jeanie told the committee Shaun Kirkwood has left the LCCD and moved out of town. They have advertised his position. She asked if they could think of another agency to invite to the committee. The group decided to send a letter of interest to organizations that could be interested in joining the committee.

Maintenance Update:

Molly said there aren't any major updates, they are continuing the projects from previous meetings. They've added a gravel path from the end of Citrus St across the grass connecting to the greenway. They are continuing to work on designs for the Allison underpasses.

Molly gave an update on the Division and Wallick project. She said they currently have a 35% plan set and they have received comments on that plan. They are working through those comments at this time. She said she could not say with certainty when the next set of plans would be available but she would share them with the committee when they became available.

Engineering Projects that Effect or Include Greenway Update:

Wes said they are continuing to work on the 19th and Missile project.

Jeanie said they are working on the Crow Creek Greenway alignment and they have a consultant that is trying to figure out the best route. This project will intersect with the city's engineering project to realign the 19th and Missile intersection.

Greenway Projects Update:

US-30 Underpass

Jeanie said the ribbon cutting and final walk through took place on Tuesday, October 29th. The engineer, parks and she put together a punch list to close out the project. We are now discussing motion sensors at both sides of the tunnel that would turn on the lights. It is a long tunnel and gets pretty dark inside.

Sun Valley to Kiwanis Park Connector

The FY25 TAP grant request was NOT approved. This is the 3rd year in a row. Jeanie spoke with Cole Bostron, Local Government Coordinator with WYDOT and he said we were 11th out of 16 applications and not enough money to go around. We also need to either buy the Ornelaz property (preferred) or completely upgrade all ADA along Ralieggh Dr., Savanna Dr. and Phoenix Dr. This would include 12 drive approaches and detectable warning plates on 2 corners. Very expensive.

Kiwanis Park Trails and Constructed Wetlands Project

Jeanie said we are waiting to hear from consultants on 100% design plans and will get this out to bid. Educational signs and bird blinds will be done separately.

Christensen Road, Commerce Circle to Campstool

Jeanie said the project is in EPR stage. Currently discussing replacement of trees with Forestry and the project in general with Cheyenne LEADS. Jeanie wants to get this out to bid as soon as possible for construction next spring.

6th Penny Sub-Committee – Jeanie

Jeanie said the committee met on Oct. 22nd with just Seth and Jim in attendance. The consensus was to move forward with the plan as described to the Mayor in my email and to end our sub-committee meetings. The following is the email to the Mayor.

"One proposition for Greenway Maintenance of \$4 million, \$3 million for the City and the other \$1 million would go to the County for Greenway repairs and improvements along the Greenway at Allison Draw. The underpasses in the County are almost constantly underwater and the drainage needs to be dredged and drainage improvements made to the Greenway here. Molly Bennett has a consultant working on the plans for this currently. The Allison Draw piece is incredibly important as it is in an area where many people bike it as their only form of transportation.

As part of our public participation for the Parks and Recreation Plan Update, we continue to hear the theme "Take Care of What We Have" so, we would also like to have one proposition for Greenway Reconstruction and construction of connections that are missing on the south side, maybe we would call it "Greenway Revitalization or Reconstruction?" \$3.5 million, this would include reconstruction of Yellowstone Underpass which is our oldest underpass and was built in the bottom of Dry Creek, it has multiple problems regarding drainage and the culverts themselves. I checked with WYDOT and we could apply for a TAP Grant for total reconstruction but I am estimating a total project cost of at least \$2.5 million. We are currently using GW Maintenance funding to do a 35% design to determine the challenges and the actual costs. The other projects would be items like connecting the GW that was built

on the new WYDOT Parsley Blvd. bridge to the rest of the GW, completing the connection along Cribbon west of Johnson Junior High, possible help to the County to fund the GW they want to place along the new Division Street when constructed and Developer Public/Private partnerships that come up.

Basically, we would like to be included on the ballot for \$7.5 million which is \$1.5 million more than what we received for the 2021 6th Penny but, as you know, the cost of construction and everything else continues to increase.”

The next 6th Penny request is expected to go to voters in November 2025. The tax will NOT start until the 2021 tax is fully collected which is expected in early 2026.

Updates from the MPO – Jennifer

Chris Yaney, former Senior Planner and Pavement Management Specialist, has been given the MPO Director position. Jennifer Corso, former GIS Coordinator, has been given the MPO Planning Project Manager position.

Greenway Foundation Update:

Nancy said the committee will be meeting next week. They will be planning next year's Spring into Green 5K Race. They have the date selected but they will be focused on the event location. The event will be held on the 2nd Saturday in June. The committee is hoping to host the event along the greenway in the southern part of town in Sweetgrass and LCCC.

Holiday Party

Jo said the December meeting will be used for the committee holiday party. The event will be held at the Kiwanis House on December 10th.

Other items:

Cindy Kaiser came to address the board and ask for them to build greenway in her community. She lives in the Henderson Dr & Lincoln Way area. There are new apartments being built in her area and she asked if the committee would consider adding the greenway to that area to be used by the current and future residents.

Jo adjourned the meeting at 1:12 pm