

Sidney, Nebraska, June 24, 2021 A Fair Housing City

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2021 in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Gallaway and Council Members: Olsen, Arterburn, and Radcliffe. Absent: Sherman. Others present: City Manager Scott, Financial Director Kizzire, and City Clerk Borchert. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Sidney Sun Telegraph, a designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the City Council. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Gallaway informed the public that the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Gallaway asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Sherman. Olsen moved, Radcliffe seconded. Roll call: Yeas: Radcliffe, Olsen, Arterburn, Gallaway Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Sherman

Mayor Gallaway stated the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the kick off meeting with RDG Planning and Design, the Old Post Road Enhancement Plan.

City Manager Scott had the virtual meeting set up with RDG Planning & Design staff, Cary Thomsen, Landscape Architect; Marty Shukert, Urban Planner; and Chloe Gillespie.

Thomsen stated they are gathering information and requested that if there are any existing plans that they be sent to RDG Planning. Scott will check and see if there are any plans that he can send to RDG. Shukert asked is there is a guarantee of public passage to the trails at Cabela's location and the ability to connect to them. Scott said we have the ability to connect to them and will check to see if there is any type of an easement. Shukert also inquired as to if the roads tied to Andrew Drive, Jennifer Lane and Glover Road were public or private. Scott reported that they are public streets. Gallaway also added that the trail continues to another property that is owned by Reganis to the west of Cabela's that connect to 11th Avenue.

Gallaway suggested to create the look and feel of the Cabela's campus and continue adding more trees and shrubs. Arterburn would like to see enhancements made to the median areas to include the west end of Reganis to the south side to the intersection. He would also like to dress up the northside of Old Post Road. Thomsen asked if any of the current landscaping was irrigated. Gallaway said that 11th Avenue is irrigated. Gallaway also would like to see lighting as it is important to draw visibility to the trail.

Discussion was held on a safe crossing on Old Post Road from the trail into the hotel area. The crossing is a bit of a challenge per Shukert. Scott reported that what people usually do is go from where one trail ends then hook around from behind Sapp Brothers, which currently have no markings. Shukert stated if the crossing starts from the west, it's under City control and if it starts from Cabela Drive, it might involve the DOT. Another idea is to use Andrew Drive to do a sidewalk on Glover Road where the City does have control. Shukert suggested paths behind the business, like Subway. Scott said that there are significant drop offs, trash cans. Arterburn commented that the businesses may not like people passing behind them. The consensus was that this was not very promising. Also discussed was putting in a bikeshare station.

RDG Planning & Design has scheduled August 4 & 5 for the design charette. August 5 - present design concepts. Develop the concept August 6-20. Review by City staff - August 31. Revisions – Sept 1-9. Final – September 10.

Goals established: 1. Trail connectivity and visibility. 2. Wayfinding & signage. 3. Create sidewalk connection on Glover Road with landscaping. Possibly place in the median. 4. Create safe crossing across Old Post Road at the main commercial entrance. 5. Take the look and feel of the Cabela's campus throughout the corridor. Add landscaping and lighting. 6. Add lighting to enhance the trail. 7. Enhance the entry into Sidney I-80. 8. Bikeshare station – Pedalers Corner has 2nd hub setup in Downtown.

Budget for the project: \$740,000 for the project. Less \$30,000 to 40,000 for topographic survey, design fees, etc.

Future Phases of work: Design Development starts - September 2021; Design Development Review – November 2021; Construction Document Review – January 2022; Out to bid – February 2022; Bid Opening – March 2022; Construction Start – April 2022; Phase 1 Construction End – October 2022.

Olsen expressed concern about easement rights. Gallaway believed we have easement rights with Cabela's but it needs to be looked into. Olsen also asked about any grants available for a possible pedestrian bridge. Financial Director, Lane Kizzire, will check to see how Scottsbluff funded their bridge.

Scott addressed the need for a side walk around the Aquatic Center area. Gallaway reiterated trees and lighting down both sides of the trail by the college. Arterburn suggested planning something by the Points West Bank as everything ends there and it is pasture ground.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

/s/ROGER GALLAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK