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Trails Committee Agenda

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

4:00 P.M.

Zoom Virtual Meeting/ City Council Chambers

1. Call to order
2. Public input – limited to 10 minutes The Committee will hear brief comments from citizens during this period on issues not on the agenda. No action will be taken today. All comments will be taken under advisement.
3. Trail Project Update
4. Emma Street Crossing Patsy Christie – The WFF have put their capital projects on hold right now. A Razorback Greenway Alliance has been formed with the seven cities that are in the area. The seven cities will work together to take care of and improve the Greenway as a whole.
5. Fitzgerald Mountain Connector Patsy Christie -- The Consultant met with the Public Facilities board to get it down to Mountain Road. The Trailblazers are still working on acquisition. They have not figured out how to cross the Rail Road yet.
6. Spring Creek Trail (Kevin Beaumont, McClelland) The trail has been split into two phases. The property on AGFC side is awaiting approval by the Native American Indian Tribe, who is currently unreachable during the COVID-19 outbreak. There are also other various environmental challenges. The Tribe impasse should clear during the month of September. The east portion is in acquisition at this time.
7. Dean's Trail (Jeff Webb, Garver) Phase II- We are waiting for an easement to come back from Washington County. After the easement comes back, we can send it to ArDOT to certify the ROW and we will be able to begin construction around the end of the year. Phase III A – 90% plans are with the City for review. The construction cost was around $3.8M when the 90% plans were submitted with the previous at-grade crossing. The crossing at Spring Creek needed to be amended for various safety reasons and the changes will save $120,000.00. The Committee approves the alternate at-grade alignment at Spring Creek.
8. Maple Street (Ryan Carr, Springdale Engineering) We are looking at November 19, 2020 for completion. The railroad crossing will start in mid to late September.
9. The Greenway at Pump Station Bridge APAC is ready to start. A notice to proceed will be issued in the next week. There will be a temporary detour during construction. There will be an at-grade crossing during wet conditions, but there is a crossing under the bridge for the Greenway.
10. Trails Master Plan Draft A draft was distributed to the Committee for their comments. In September there will be a work session to review the comments made by the Committee.
11. Budget Update Brad Baldwin – A copy of the current budget was distributed to the Committee. Another $1M of turnback money will be added to the Public Works budget for Trails.
12. Other Business
13. Trail usage from the Walton Family Foundation (clickable link): <https://mailchi.mp/bdfef6d66328/trail-use-growing-as-the-network-expands?e=8c81dc033f>
14. Adjournment