



MINUTES | January 27, 2010

6:00 pm • Leawood City Hall • 4800 Town Center Drive • P&D Conference Room

Members Present: Matt Cain, Rod Crawford, Alicia Jennings, Jill Paton, and Pete Stover

Staff Present: Brian Anderson and Marica Putman

Members Absent: None

Guest: William Jennings

MEMBERS

Matt Cain
Rod Crawford
Alicia Jennings
Jill Paton
Pete Stover

Chris Claxton,
Director of Parks
& Recreation

Brian Anderson,
Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,
Adm. Graphics Tech

The BFC meeting came to order at 6:15 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Member introductions are made.

II. Review of Current Status of Bicycle Friendliness – Brian Anderson

- Briefly reviewed the Feed back Report of Leawood’s application to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists.
- Two recommendations. 1) Have a complete streets policy. 2) Adult continuing education.
- Alicia Jennings informed all what prompted the need for a bicycle friendly community. She provided brochures, mags, pins, maps, etc.
- A brief discussion of the program and how it rates in comparison to other cities. Columbia, Missouri is a pilot city (1 of 4) who received 25 million over a period of time to do research and set up programs. Being designated is a city honor only and no money is received; it is recognizing accomplishments of a city’s efforts to encourage cycling and walking.

III. Discuss Goals of the Task Force (near and long term)

General

- For the near term, we can work on the two recommendations provided above and reapply for Bicycle Friendly Community status.

Policy Engineering

- Complete streets policy. Provide a written document that city council would agree to and be committed in creating more bicycle infrastructure and to include the voices of the BFC in those updates. This would then be recommended to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that can approve it and then send it to city council. Examples: Update maps, bike lanes, add signage.
- Bike racks program. This can be adopted in the planning stages for new development. For plans to be approved, must provide bike racks as part of the submittal process. We can put bike racks in our parks in the near future.
- Providing bike lockers/shower facilities for businesses/areas.

Education

- Provide adult continuing education. Provide classes for adults who haven't ridden in a while and go over bike and safety info.
- Certified Bike Instructors to conduct more education for youth and adults.
- Host a certification class for members to become League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructors.
- Can provide banners at Roe to advertise special bike announcements. Bike to work week is May 17th-21st.

Encouragement

- Start safe routes/walks to school interest with mothers and build support and move it.
- Have Elite Bicycles or other stores to sponsor a bike program and store bikes at the Aloft hotel. Patrons there can ride the trails and go to Elite Bicycles and other businesses while staying at the hotel. Alicia Jennings will speak with the owner for an interest in having a share a bike or bike library program.

IV. Select a Task Force Chair and Determine a Standard of Meeting Date

- Review the draft of the By-laws and make recommendations for the next meeting.
- Decide on a Chair person and a Vice- Chair person and staff can assist.
- Next meeting will be March 4th at 6:00 pm. Agree to meet the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm until further notice.

V. Discuss Representation/Attendance at February 11th HOA Meeting

- The HOA meeting was discussed and an e-vite will be sent out to the members.
- Brief description of various organizations that will provide updates in the meeting. Promoting recycling, ripple glass, hazardous waste, trash changes, stream teams, rain gardens, and more.

Meeting adjourns at 7:25 pm.