



MINUTES | March 4, 2010

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

Members Present: Rod Crawford, Jill Paton, and Pete Stover

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Matt Cain, Alicia Jennings

Guest: None

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.

Call to order

- Rod Crawford made a motion to approve January 27, 2010 minutes.
- Jill Patton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old business

✚ Discuss By-laws

- Agreed to take out the term limits.
- Mayor and Council will review the By-laws.
- Discussed the role of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and how it relates to the BFC.
- By-laws are good.

✚ Nominate/Select Chair and Vice-Chair

- The committee has selected Rod Crawford as Chair and Pete Stover as Vice-Chair.

✚ Review list of goals

1. Engineering Goal – develop and recommend for approval a “Complete Streets” policy.
 - Brian Anderson and Chris Claxton attended the Public Works Committee, whereas, Joe Johnson, Public Works Director discussed reviewing road construction projects to consider opportunities for bike friendly mechanisms. Four main streets left to be built are: 143rd St. from Nall to Kenneth, Mission Road from 135th to 151st St., 151st St. from Nall to east city limits, and Kenneth Road, 143rd and south city limits. There is support for this complete streets policy; however, the policy is not official yet.
 - The advantage of being a bicycle friendly community is the acknowledgement of a city providing a higher quality of life for its residents. This desire to provide such quality is a solid goal in the city’s future planning in creating a positive city image and a proven factor in receiving grants and more.
 - Brian Anderson will draft a policy statement to be reviewed by Pete Stover.
2. Encouragement Goal – contact businesses to ask them to consider bicycle parking facilities for their businesses.
 - Alicia Jennings and William Jennings have spoken with several businesses to consider bike racks.
3. Encouragement Goal – recommend the requirement of bicycle parking facilities for new development.

- Committee decides that this could be part of the planning development or complete streets policy.
4. Encouragement Goal – develop a loan program between bicycle shops and hotel to give visitors and guests the option of cycling to nearby shops and trails.
 - Alicia Jennings has contacted the hotel (not sure if they will participate). She has spoken with a bike store that is interested in providing bikes.
 5. Encouragement Goal – celebrate Bike to Work Week in May by holding a special event.
 - Invited to participate in Parks & Recreation’s Party in the Park special event. Provide a handout to give out for biking interests.
 - Jill Patton and Alicia Jennings Bike to School PR along with SRO (School Resource Officers).
 6. Education Goal – contact League of American Cyclist instructors to teach cycling education class through Parks & Recreation Department.
 - To be a certified bike instructor, one needs to pass this very class which is offered on May 15 at the cost of \$75 and be a member of the League of American Bicyclists.
 7. Education Goal – have League instructor teach a certification course for those interested in becoming League instructors.
 - Committee decided strike out this goal due to cost and time.

New Business

✚ Staff Report

- HOA meeting and Bike Friendly presentation went well. No strong negative bike remarks.
- Public Works Committee – Review Road Construction Projects is to Consider Opportunities for Bike Friendly Mechanisms. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Officer Dave Jennings has four Youth Rodeos scheduled for this spring. They will be at the city park learning to ride their bikes properly. Parents can participate too.

✚ Committee Report

- Alicia Jennings inquired if Camille Croteau (currently serving on the Green Initiative Task Force Committee) can join the BFC. Mayor appointed five citizens and would take a motion from the committee to expand it. Various options are discussed.

✚ Near Term Goals:

- Complete goal 1. Complete Street Policy. Positive comments for bike racks.
- Complete goal 2. Contacting the Chambers of Commerce and presenting the BFC.
- Guidelines for planning commission. Bike lanes/parking. Bike racks in public places init

- Complete goal 5. Safe Routes to School. Jill Patton has requested a cover letter/brochure about the committee that can to schools for partipation

Adjourn

Meeting adjourns at 7:25 pm. Decided the next meeting will be April 7, 2010.