



MINUTES | July 7, 2010

6:00 pm • Leawood City Hall • 4800 Town Center Drive • Main Conference Room

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

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: None

Guest: Chris Rice

MEMBERS

Rod Crawford, Chair
Pete Stover, Vice Chair
Alicia Jennings
Jill Paton

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

Chris Claxton,
Director of Parks
& Recreation

Call to order

- Pete Stover made a motion to approve April 7, 2010 minutes.
- Jill Patton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian Anderson,
Parks Superintendent

Old business

Marica Putman,
Adm. Graphics Tech

✚ Complete Streets Policy – Brian Anderson

- Modeled after Bozeman, Montana.
- Includes two documents (from Planning Department):
 - Leawood Comprehensive Plan - long range goal plan with a transportation section with concepts that are similar to what we would want to achieve and be easily added to the document.
 - Leawood Development Ordinance – main document that is updated yearly and would be substantial update for items like bicycle mechanisms. Next step: Legal first, then recommend it to the Park Board (they will review and approve it) and then to city hall to be passed by city council.
- Discussed various streets, bike lanes/paths and how it affects citizens, engineering, and planning.
- Discussed participating in a work session prior to the city council meeting if needed.
- Chair Crawford asked if the committee wanted to recommend the Complete Streets Policy to the Park Board to submit it to the City Council. Pete Stover made the motion, Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Bike to Work/School – Alicia Jennings

- Continue efforts to organize rides and walks to different schools.
- For Back to School night, interested in having League certified instructors Elizabeth Bejan and Theresa Van Ackeren from Family Bicycles of Kansas City, Missouri to speak to students about bike to school programs at participating schools. They would provide a work session on a Saturday morning. They would teach the parents how to teach the kids how to ride a bike; includes a five (5) minute video. Instructors would receive an honorarium (approximately \$50.00 each). Discussed financial options; PTOs and fundraisers were recommended.
- Letter of information sent to the schools (see next page).
- Request a Leawood Police Bike Officer to design and provide a safe route to schools.
- National Bike to School Day is October 6.
- Jill Patton's neighbor is very interested in a bike to school project. She wants to interview kids that participated and provide a storyboard. It's a wonderful idea.

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE



July 19, 2010

Dear Principal,

The City of Leawood is on its way to becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community, as designated by the League of American Bicyclists. The mission of the Leawood Bicycle Friendly Committee is to educate and motivate students and to establish a safe riding and walking community.

The committee will design safe routes for students to bike and walk to school. In addition, we have educational programs for parents to work with their children to ensure safety.

Representatives of the committee would like to attend your Back to School night, and have an information table present. We would attend the initial PTO meeting of the new school year to introduce parents to the City of Leawood Safe Routes Program.

If your school community is interested, certified instructors are available to provide the educational materials. Leawood Police Officers will teach bicycle skills and enforce safety practices on your campus.

We will be contacting you the first week of August by phone and email to schedule a very brief visit of introduction. We will bring additional printed materials at that time.

Thank you,

Jill Paton, Bicycle Friendly Committee
Alicia Jennings, Bicycle Friendly Committee
Camille Croteau, Sustainability Advisory Board

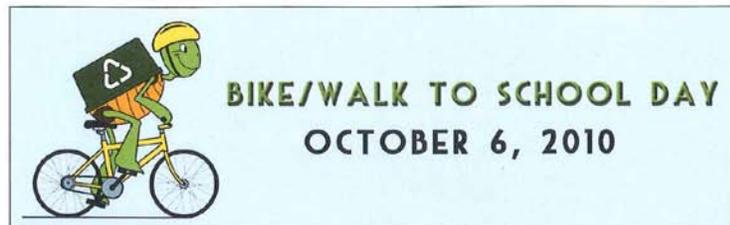
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New Business

✚ Bicycle Friendly Businesses – Alicia Jennings

- MARC and Bicycle Friendly group would like Leawood to participate. They are trying to help the employer become bicycle friendly. The application is due July 16th. Criteria for businesses: Provide secure bike parking; showers for employees, incentive to commute by bike, work with local advocates to improve bicycle conditions for the community, have an action plan to promote bicycling, and to support a bike club.

✚ Member Opening – Brian Anderson

- Sent nominees the bylaws and info. A couple of nominees decided that they could not participate. Steve Hassler (Jennifer Hassler's husband) is interested. His application was sent to Chris Claxton and forwarded to Mayor Peggy Dunn.

Committee Member Report

- Discussed community business rides locally and on TV.
- An area on the web to submit bike rides and local info.
- Discussed various bike friendly cities. Denver has the B-cycle (rental). Minneapolis is rated #1. Zip car – rent a car for an hour.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Chris Rice

- Chris Rice is concerned with the amount of bicyclists on Tomahawk Creek Parkway at rush hour at 5 pm during the work week and why bicyclists do not use the bike trails to commute.
- Discussed options such as widening the road by 2 feet, use of sharrows and proper awareness. Also note that some cyclists ride in packs and may not like to ride in a single lane format.
- Chris Rice attended our meeting at 7:15 pm. Chair Crawford summarized our procedures and goals. He expressed his concerns about the cyclists and drivers. His overall concern is in line with ours and this considered positive input. He would like to be kept inform of any future improvements.

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ricec@umkc.edu

(His mother's residence)
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Leawood, KS 66206

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 7:25 pm. Next meeting is August 18, 2010.