



MINUTES | October 6, 2010

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

Members Present: Steve Hassler, Alicia Jennings, and Pete Stover

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Rod Crawford, Jill Paton

Guest: William Jennings

MEMBERS

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

The BFC meeting came to order at 6:14 pm.

Call to order

- Jill Paton made a motion to approve August 18, 2010 minutes.
- Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Claxton,
 Director of Parks
 & Recreation

Brian Anderson,
 Parks Superintendent

Old business

✚ Complete Streets Policy Update – Brian Anderson

- Reviewed by the Park Board and forwarded to the Council. The Council then referred it to the Planning Commission.
- The Planning Department has a heavy schedule; they will do the best they can to make it a priority to finish the process.

Marica Putman,
 Adm. Graphics Tech

✚ General Discussions – Group

- Discussed various bicycle organizations and funding procedures.

✚ Bike to Work/School – Alicia Jennings

- Steve Hassler attended a school fair last Saturday next to the Police Department. The Police Department sold \$10 helmets and bike officers were present.
- Attended two PTO meetings at Cure of Ars and decided to promote the International Walk/Bike to School Day (October 6). Leawood and Prairie Village Police Department assisted with traffic control and more. Eight moms from Cure of Ars stopped traffic in the streets for the kids due to all the surrounding construction. Posters, banners, pencils, stickers, certificates, etc. were made in anticipation for this event. Approximately 160-180 kids participated from Corinth and 315 kids participated from Cure of Ars. Media/Press did not show. The event went really well. Elizabeth Bejan is assisting Cure of Ars to form a bicycle club. The next is the National Bike/Walk to School in May.
- Concerns to address are safety issues around schools and weighted backpacks (18-24 lbs).

✚ Tour de Art – Brian Anderson

- Saturday, June 11th has been selected for the Tour de Art.
- 10 miles one-way, start at Ironwoods Park in the morning, and offer shuttle returns.
- View the following art pieces with the art groups providing description/information:
 - *Prairie Lessons* (Teacher Sculpture) – Ironwoods Park, 147th & Mission
 - *Pastoral Dreamer* near 133rd Street
 - *The Tablet and Steps and Stones* – Gezer Park, 133rd Street (3 mile marker, refreshments)
 - *Sentinel*, City Hall, Town Center Drive & 117th Street
 - *Growing (Stainless Steel)*, *Spooked (Deers)*, *My Mind (Gate)* is along Tomahawk Creek Parkway
 - *Llooppi*, *Run Red Run*, *For the Goal* are in the City Park (finish, lunch)

- Groups discuss publishing a route map, various activities after the event, safety concerns, sag vans, and various topics.

✚ **Trail Segment at 123rd and Mission (erosion) – Brian Anderson**

- Brian Anderson will meet with Chris Claxton and Public Works officials tomorrow to discuss the trail issues. Currently, the Park Board is reviewing the merits of spending the money to hire engineers to survey the creek.
- Camille Croteau had idea that was she shared with Brian Anderson. Her idea is to use a Bridge Kit. It is aluminum and it is a kit that can be assembled onset (no cranes, huge equipment, etc.) is an option to consider in stabilizing the hillside.
- Discussed favoring to keep the trail open, survey procedures/research/suggestions, bike lanes, etc.

New Business

✚ **Police Department Meeting with Cyclists – Brian Anderson**

- Brian Anderson spoke with Chief Meier regarding the outcome of the cyclist meeting about riding on Tomahawk Creek Parkway. Chief Meier said he was impressed with Alicia Jennings and Pete Stover's fairness and professionalism relating to biking concerns/issues of both parties.
- Ken Cobb (Jo Co Bike Club) requested this meeting to discuss legal rules. He wanted a firm commitment that it was legal to ride two abreast. Chief John Meier and Troy Rettig, Deputy Chief were not able to provide a firm commitment due to circumstances that may prove unsafe to ride two abreast. Ken Cobb continued to push the issue; however, the Police personnel would not make the blanket commitment that Mr. Cobb wanted. Chief John Meier announced that he did give Police Officers discretion to call on what they saw which is a courteous motion and respective to all. Other riders were present too. Some went away angry and upset.
- Pete Stover shared that we all would like firm bicycling guidelines but we cannot get them due to various situations/instances due to weather, street conditions, time of day, etc. He most definitely agreed with Chief John Meier in not making an absolute blanket commitment.
- Brian Anderson shared that it in Kansas; it is legal for cyclists to ride two abreast and must ride as far right as possible and not take up a lane unless there is something hazardous on that side of the road.
- Discussed riders' interpretations of bicycling laws, rules, respect and conduct. The group discussed driver and rider education. Chief John Meier and Troy Rettig, Deputy Chief agreed to guide us in educating the public along with other organizations such as Kiwanis or Rotary.
- Alicia Jennings has requested to go to the National Bike Summit Meeting (Bicycle League's Convention) in March. It is in Washington, D.C. Brian Anderson will check the travel policy with Chris Claxton. The group discussed other upcoming events/seminars concerning complete streets policy.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 7:45 pm. Next meeting is November 3, 2010.