



MINUTES | April 5, 2011

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

Members Present: Alicia Jennings, Brian Neilson, Jill Paton, Steve Hassler

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Rod Crawford

Guest: William Jennings, Elizabeth Bejan, Revolve; Randy Rasa, Kansas Cyclist

MEMBERS

Rod Crawford, Chair
Alicia Jennings, Vice-Chair
Steve Hassler
Brian Neilson
Jill Paton

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

✚ Select Vice-Chair – Brian Anderson

- Alicia Jennings volunteered for the Vice-Chair position. Jill Paton made a motion to select Alicia Jennings as the new Vice-Chair. Brian Neilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ March 2, 2011 Minutes Approval

- Steve Hassler made a motion to approve March 2, 2011 minutes.
- Jill Paton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

✚ Complete Streets Policy Update – Brian Anderson

- A new, revised draft and the original draft are handed out to members to review and compare.
- This revised draft will be presented at the Planning Commission work session next Tuesday night (April 12th). Members are welcome to attend and answer questions at the work session. Once approved by Council, staff will then start to provide in-depth planning for designing, implementing, and revising complete streets. After the planning work session, the Complete Streets policy will be on the April 26th Planning Commission meeting for their recommendation of approval to the City Council.

✚ Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application – Brian Anderson

- Received examples from previous successful applicants from the State.
- The school district must be involved. It should come from the school first and the city can assist with the application process.
- 2 phases. 1st phase is for the development of a SRTS master plan, apply for the funding up to \$15,000. Once a SRTS master plan is in place, 2nd phase items can be applied for, such as infrastructure improvements, crossing guard funding, etc.
- Elizabeth Bejan spoke of mini grants that are school specific and can be given to schools.
- Brian Neilson commented that the issues involved with safe routes should be from the schools and that the city could assist if they choose to. He did not feel that this committee's responsibility to drive those issues forward. Elizabeth Bejan shared that she and Alicia Jennings received comments from the parents about issues that needed to be remediated so that the barrier of not feeling safe is removed. Brian Anderson commented that in regarding this application, he did not feel that the application should be pursued. He shares Brian Neilson's view too. If however, a school district had any desire for pursuing this, this committee could assist them in completing the application.

- Members continue to address ideas for future applications.

✚ **Spoke 'n Art – Brian Anderson**

- Spoke 'n Art brochures were given to each member. It is advertised in the Parks & Recreation Program Guide and online.
- Printed 500 brochures.
- Received artwork from Mission Farms but no other details for race participants.
- Suggested refreshments are water and fruit. Staff will drive vehicles. Volunteers will be needed check-in, refreshment areas, and race end location. Brian Anderson will determine volunteer duties later.
- Alicia Jennings shared that Johnson County Bicycle Club has rides every single weekend except for the weekend of our Spoke 'n Art.
- Group discussion for minor details. Participants will receive a t-shirt, wristbands for participants, a bag for carrying paper items, and more.
- The cost of the ride is washed out by the cost of t-shirts and water bottles, etc. The motivation for this event is to help promote bicycle friendliness in the city and to assist us in our application to become a bicycle friendly city.
- Discussed providing BFC a website.

New Business

✚ **Bike Week Events – Brian Anderson**

- Officer Dave Jennings is providing a family bike rodeo by appointment (40 minute segments). It will be on the east side of the City Park. Officer Dave Jennings will provide challenges and education for the riders. Officer Dave Jennings will provide class details to Brian Anderson after the event.
- Alicia Jennings suggested that we plan a Leawood bike event for next year. Corinth is doing a green week. Cure is doing the safe ride to school on May 11th. They have items for the kids. Brookwood is participating during Bike Week, exact date not known. Jill Paton has requested certificates for Bike Week. Corinth requested 150 certificates. Alicia Jennings announced several community bike events in May.
- Elizabeth Bejan shared two bike events for Revolve: The CycleSmarts class on May 14th and 15th and a Revolve fundraiser at Whole Foods at 119th on May 19th. She will receive 5% of their net sales that day. It will help people learn how to carry cargo with their bikes. She would like Whole Foods to go after the Bicycle Friendly designation. Advertising for CycleSmarts flier and other brochures will be available at her events. Alicia Jennings asked for additional information to make a poster for the schools.
- Elizabeth Bejan thanked members for their monetary donation to Revolve.
- Randy Rasa, from Kansas Cyclist website introduces himself to members. He is happy to publicize any Leawood bicycle events. He is interested in Leawood's process in becoming bicycle friendly city status. Brian Anderson speaks about the application process, programs, and other elements required. Members discuss various suggestions including website development, bicycle awareness, etc.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 7:15 pm. Next meeting is May 4, 2011. Jill Paton makes a motion for the meeting to be adjourn. Steve Hassler seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.