



# MINUTES | June 6, 2012

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

**Members Present:** Alicia Jennings, Steve Hassler, Brian Luce, Brian Neilson

**Staff Present:** Brian Anderson, Erik Butler, Joe Peeples, Marica Putman

**Members Absent:** Bill Blessing, Bob Crowell

**Guests:**

## MEMBERS

Alicia Jennings, Chair  
Bill Blessing  
Bob Crowell  
Steve Hassler  
Brian Luce  
Brian Neilson

Chris Claxton,  
Director of  
Parks & Recreation

Brian Anderson,  
Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,  
Adm. Graphics Tech

David Ley, City Engineer  
Public Works

Erik Butler, Police Officer  
Police

Joe Peeples, Police Officer  
Police

Joe Rexwinkle, Sr. Planner  
Planning & Development

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

## Call to order

### ✦ Agenda

- Brian Neilson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Steve Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### ✦ Approve April 11, 2012 Minutes

- Brian Neilson made a motion to approve April 11, 2012 minutes. Steve Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### ✦ Introducing New Members

- Brian Luce and Officer Erik Butler are introduced to the committee members.

## Old Business

### ✦ Bike Week Event Summary

- American Academy of Family Physicians wanted to organize a ride to work day from Leawood City Park to their building on Bike to Work Day. Brian Anderson provided a presentation earlier in the week with tips on how plan and prepare to safely commute by bike for their workgroup in which approximately 20 employees attended. Unfortunately, they cancelled their ride event due to low participation.
- Officer Joe Peeples set up 3 bike rodeos for May 19<sup>th</sup> at Town Center Plaza near Pottery Barn. He received food and drink donations from Whole Foods and Panera. Participation was low due to other conflicts and a storm. It should be noted that there was a lot of interest in the event and he received many thank yous for setting it up. Members discussed alternatives for the next bike rodeo event, possibly having it during soccer events or venues.
- Spoke 'n Art was canceled due to the lack of registrants. Brian Anderson wondered if the abundance of other events in our area caused low registration. There was a popular road race, and art festival in Prairie Village, Jazzoo, and Old Shawnee Days on that same date. Members discuss busy May events and possibly making it a fall ride event along with a bike rodeo event. They discussed making this a donation event and submit it to the art fund. People like to donate to a cause and possibly have a better turnout. Asking for a \$5 donation and ride for art. Members discuss ride ideas and a possible bike rodeo/ride/art event on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Park Maintenance.
- Bike/Walk to School did not happen due to other scheduled events in schools.

## ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ Meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Parks Maintenance Facility to discuss fall rodeo/ride/art event
- ✓ Chair Jennings to give Brian a list of concerned intersections.
- ✓ Officer Joe Peeples to contact Lenexa about their emergency marker system

## New Business

### ✦ Complete Streets Update Meeting

- Debra Filla, Council Member, in a council members report to the governing body, requested that we have a meeting to review the implementation of complete streets with staff. For this meeting, Mayor Peggy Dunn selected four council members (Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Carrie Rezac, and James Azeltine). She would like a representative from this committee, Planning, Sustainability Advisory Board, Public Works, and our staff to attend. Brian Anderson will send information to the traffic sergeant too. BFC members are welcomed to attend too. It is a lunch meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Brian Anderson will provide an update of the Complete Streets progress from when the resolution was adopted. Public Works will inform us of upcoming road projects and what they have

budgeted for street improvements like bike lanes and bike shoulders. He will talk about what needs to happen to move forward, opening it up to council and community people, and receiving feedback. He will present the proposed map that plotted where good street improvements would be for a routing system for everyone to use during the meeting. These routes were driven by staff. Chair Jennings asked if he would include the dangerous intersections for bike riders and walkers.

#### ✚ **Share the Road/Bike Route Signage**

- Brian Anderson will contact the Traffic Sergeant Kirt Yoder and Public Works for these signs. He asked which streets would they like the signs to be at first. Members suggested Lee Blvd., Mission Road, and certain intersections. Chair Jennings will give Brian Anderson a list of concerned intersections. Officer Joe Peebles mentioned that there may be a difference in signage if there's an ordinance or not. He suggested contacting Traffic Sergeant Kirt Yoder on that issue.
- Chair Jennings shared that the Kansas City Metro Bicycle Club had a similar conversation at their meeting on June. On the website/newsletter section, they listed issues of traffic and suggestions for police, bicyclists, and motorists. Members discuss those suggestions, rules and regulations. In Prairie Village and Mission Hills, there are many complaints against the pelotons that come through their neighborhoods, especially at the four way stops and the number of cyclists that should go through it at a time. They talked about circle at Belinder and 63<sup>rd</sup>. Members discussed various examples of cyclists not stopping at intersections appropriately and other conflicts. Officer Joe Peebles obtained his code book and provided us with information. *See at flier at the end of the minutes.*

#### ✚ **Committee Goals**

- Brian Anderson discussed the feedback report about the Bicycle Friendly Community designation. Leawood received an Honorable Mention.
- Members need to come up with different events and what we as a committee would like to pursue this year and what is obtainable. Members discussed trail signage (with coordinates or barcodes that can be picked up by phones) and mapping. Maybe local businesses would like to advertise on the sign. Members discussed emergency markers similar to Lenexa. Officer Joe Peebles is to check with them to find out what they did.

#### ✚ **Trails Update**

- Brian Anderson gives a trail update. The North Lake Trail closure could reopen around the 1st week of July, if the weather holds and there are no other problems.
- We have been working on pedestrian and bike access system that would prevent cars from driving on the trails. At road and trail crossings, confused motorists sometimes think the trail is a road, I have seen the trail crossings at Smithville Lake have wooden gates that narrow the trail opening down to 5' wide leaving adequate space for walkers and single-file bike riders to move onto the trail but cars and trucks obviously will not fit. We started making of these and have installed them at entry points Ironwoods Park. The committee members were asked to make a trip to Ironwoods Park to view this system and make comments at the next meeting. Chair Jennings suggested staggering them on trails if there becomes a safety issue with navigating a bike through these 5' openings.
- Brian Anderson will also meet with an engineering firm to get a proposal to begin working on a design/construction documents for the 123<sup>rd</sup> and Mission trail spur.

#### ✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 7:36 pm. The Next meeting is August 1st, 2012.
- Steve Hassler makes a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Brian Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

# KANSAS BICYCLE LAWS

## Article 15. Operation of bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, Low Power Cycles and Play Vehicles

### Sec. 127. Effect of Regulations.

- (a) Violation of any provision of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive, is a traffic infraction.
- (b) The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive.
- (c) The provisions of Sections 128 to 133, inclusive, which are applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein. (K.S.A. 8-1586)

### Sec. 128. Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Riding Bicycles.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this ordinance, except as otherwise provided in Sections 127 to 133, inclusive, of this article and except as to those provisions of this ordinance which by their nature can have no application. (K.S.A. 8-1587)

### Sec. 129. Riding on Bicycles; Seats; Riders Limited.

- (a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- (b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. (K.S.A. 8-1588)

### Sec. 130. Clinging to Vehicles.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same, himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway (K.S.A. 8-1589)

### Sec. 131. Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Paths.

- (a) Every person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, except under any of the following situations when:
  - (1) Overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
  - (2) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; or
  - (3) Reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or narrow width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right hand edge of the roadway.
- (b) Any person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near to left side of the roadway as practicable.
- (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- (d) Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway. (K.S.A. 8-1590)

### Sec. 132. Carrying Articles.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (K.S.A. 8-1591)

### Sec. 133. Lamps and Other Equipment on Bicycles.

- (a) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the division shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
- (b) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
- (c) No person shall sell a new bicycle or pedal for use on a bicycle that this not equipped with a reflector of a type approved by the commission, on each pedal of such bicycle which is visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness from a distance of 200 feet. (K.S.A. 8-1592)

