



MINUTES | December 3, 2014

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

Members Present: Alicia Jennings, Bill Blessing, Bill Day, Brian Neilson, Pete Stover

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, David Ley, Mark Klein, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Bob Crowell

Guest: None

The BFC meeting came to order at 5:46 pm.

Call to order

+ Approve Agenda

- Brian Neilson made a motion to approve the agenda. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

+ Approve June 11, 2014 Minutes

- Pete Stover made a motion to approve June 11, 2014 minutes. Bill Day seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Future Agenda Format

- The Planning Commission added a stipulation for recommending approval of the master plan that the bicycle committee is kept informed of street projects and participates in the budget meetings so that consideration is given to the accommodation of active transportation as recommended in the master plan.
- Standing agenda items for the meeting will include updates from various departments (parks, streets, planning) pertaining to the master plan, discussion, feedback, and recommendations for staff or the city council, as appropriate.

Self-Propelled Leawood Update

- Currently, Public Works Committee is developing a sidewalk policy and traffic calming options. They hope to have it completed in a couple of months. Members commented favorably on a recent project at 85th Terrace/Lee Boulevard to State Line. They implemented raised intersections to slow traffic and added sidewalks that have been well received. Members discuss having the successful projects be known to create momentum for more like projects. This project will be an agenda item at the Sustainability Summit meeting in February. Members continue to discuss homeowner's involvement in sidewalk projects.
- Bill Blessing suggested a printable map and adding the bike route map onto the city website for people to view. Members discuss various options, such as gps downloads or barcode scan signs to make the map available to users.

Streets Update

- David Ley shared that they will be replacing the entire curb on State Line Road from the north city limits to 89th. They received a request for sidewalks along State Line Road (from 83rd to 85th Terr). This design/build project is to start in March or April and will be shifting the road a few feet to put in sidewalks at a future date. Signatures for a sidewalk request have been made and the formation of a benefit district to pay for the sidewalk may go to the governing body. The Committee asked David about the sidewalk request process and is interested in improving communication to citizens about this process. They thought if citizens knew about the possibility some might want sidewalks in their neighborhoods.

MEMBERS

Alicia Jennings, Chair
 Bill Blessing
 Bob Crowell
 Bill Day
 Brian Neilson
 Pete Stover

Chris Claxton,
 Director of
 Parks & Recreation

Brian Anderson,
 Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,
 Adm. Graphics Tech

Erik Butler, Police Officer
 Police

David Ley, City Engineer
 Public Works

Mark Klein, Planning Official
 Planning & Development

- Overlaying College Boulevard from El Monte to State Line Road next year. It currently has 12 foot lanes and will be striped the two center lanes at 11 feet and have 13 feet on the outside lanes for a wider space to accommodate cyclists better. There is not enough room for a bike lane. Brian Anderson commented that the master plan recommended a 4' bike lane on the eastbound side and widening the existing 5' side path on the westbound side, could any of that be installed? David Ley commented that he can review it but that this project has already been budgeted.
- A big project at 143rd Street will start in March lasting approximately 1½ years. It will have 4 lanes, bike lanes, and a trail from Nall to Windsor. Windsor to State Line is 2019.
- Mark Klein commented that it's been great that the master plan has been approved and they have been trying to incorporate sidewalk connections and bike parking of the new developments come through. The city has been embracing a mixed use policy now. He explains the proposal process to the members. They are trying to get some of these concepts added into Leawood Development Ordinance. Bike parking is an example. Members discuss mix use paths to retail areas, development ordinances, and making people aware that Leawood has adopted a self-propel plan. The Committee recommended that Brian Anderson reach out to the Leawood Chamber of Commerce about the self-propelled Leawood plan to encourage members to consider becoming a bike friendly business.

American Discovery Trail

- Dale Crawford was part of the design team for the Leawood bike/ped. Master plan was the Kansas state coordinator of the American Discovery Trail. When Dale retired and moved out of state he asked Brian Anderson to take over as the Kansas coordinator. Since then, Anderson has found that very few people know about the trail as it is not marked.
- The ADT enters Kansas in Leawood at 151st and Kenneth. Then travels northwest to access our trail system at 123rd and Mission. It then follows the tomahawk creek and Indian creek trails through Olathe and finally old K10 to Lawrence, then south to Ottawa where it connects to the Flint Hills Nature Trail to Herington. The former coordinator had suggested a reroute of the trail south to head toward Osawatomie to take advantage of the entire Flint Hills Nature Trail. Since studying this issue, my recommendation is to keep the original route. The purpose of the trail was to include cultural and historic places in urban areas as well as natural areas. Remaining in Johnson county and Lawrence is important. The ADT is 6,800 miles and goes through 15 states. Shortening the route with bypasses would seem to lessen the accomplishments of others. Brian Anderson asked if the board if they would support marking the ADT with a small ADT symbol sign along the route so users could easily stay on course. Bill Blessing suggested contacting the Santa Fe Trail group for identifying historical trails and sites around Kansas City so ADT travelers could visit these sites.

Boxing Day Cyclocross Race

- Boxing Day Cyclocross Race is held the day after Christmas and sponsored by Elite Cycling. The course will be west of the wastewater treatment plant, south of Lee Boulevard between Mission Road and the park. It is nice "L" shaped course. Cyclocross is a cycling sport that uses non paved areas, obstacles and paved areas that are ridden in laps for time. Brian Anderson recommended this area after recent utility clearing and assisted the event promoter in getting permission from Johnson County Wastewater. Cycling events like this are excellent to include in Bicycle Friendly Community applications.

Trail News

- Trail by the south lake will be closed. The lake is leaking through the old corrugated pipe which is being replaced. The project is expected to be finished in early January.

Wayfinding

- Brian Anderson received a wayfinding proposal from Dimensional Innovations. This was the result of an informal request by Alicia Jennings and Brian with Tucker Trotter, owner of Dimensional Innovations and a steering committee member. Brian and Alicia met with Tucker and discussed the idea of a unique, custom wayfinding signage project that would direct cyclists along bike routes but would also blend into the neighborhood or be visually appealing....more unique than traditional traffic signage. The cost for such a project would be something of a long range request and more planning will need to go into deciding more exactly what services would be required in a formal Request for Proposal in the future.

Adjourn

- Next meeting is February 4, 2015.