



MINUTES | February 11, 2015

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

Members Present: Bill Blessing, Bob Crowell, Bill Day, Brian Neilson, Pete Stover

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Mark Klein, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Erik Butler, Alicia Jennings, David Ley

Guest: None

The BFC meeting came to order at 5:50 pm.

Call to order

✚ Approve Agenda

- Bob Crowell made a motion to approve the agenda. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approve December 3, 2014 Minutes

- Bob Crowell made a motion to approve December 3, 2014 minutes. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Applying for Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson

- The committee's goal is to be a Bicycle Friendly Community. Applications are accepted every February and August.
- The Bicycle Friendly Community designation is good for 3 years. Leawood received an honorable mention status, valid for 1 year. Currently there are no Leawood Bicycle Friendly Businesses. Leawood City Hall received an honorable mention. In the last meeting, members discussed reaching out to the Leawood Chamber of Commerce and encouraging them to promote memberships for Bicycle Friendly Businesses. Bill Blessing suggested reaching out to businesses to apply for Bicycle Friendly Business, thus promoting cycling in general. He also suggested that the committee reapply for BFC and BFB. Brian Anderson will submit the BFC application by the August deadline. The BFB criteria are on The League of American Bicyclists' website at www.bikeleague.org/business. Members discuss application details and questions.

Mark Klein, Planning Official
Planning & Development

Bill Blessing makes a motion to encourage staff to make a bicycle friendly community and business for city hall application and work with other departments as necessary. Bill Crowell accepts the motion. Pete Stover seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

- 143rd Street Update. This current construction phase will begin this spring and will start from Windsor to Roe then Roe to Nall. There will be bike lanes and a 5' wide sidewalk and a 10' wide shared use path. The second construction phase will be from Windsor to Kenneth Road with the same facilities. This will construct one of the crosstown corridors recommended in the master plan.

Interactive Map – Brian Anderson

- Is working with the IT Department and Johnson County Aims to display the planned bike route system online. If possible, what we would like to do is allow users to study the route system on-line, before they ride; but also be able to download the bike route system to a smart phone or GPS to aid them in staying on course while riding the routes. RDG Planning is converting the PDF files into GIS files which have been requested by Aims mappers to start this project. Members discussed mapping applications, electronic and paper.

2016 Planned Arterial Street Projects – Mill & Overlay – Brian Anderson

- Roe Avenue, College to 119th Street (no recommendations for bike improvements)
- 115th Street – Roe to Tomahawk Creek Parkway (no recommendations for bike improvements)
- Mission Road – 103rd Street to Lee Blvd. Information from Overland Park staff is that a traffic signal will likely be installed at the Mission Farms intersection. Overland Park staff is considering adding bike lanes on Mission Road at some point. Our master plan did not

MEMBERS

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

Chris Claxton,
Director of
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Brian Anderson,
Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,
Adm. Graphics Tech

Erik Butler, Police Officer
Police

David Ley, City Engineer
Public Works

include bike lanes for Mission Road but did acknowledge it as a preferred cycling route for experienced cyclists.

- 119th Street – Roe to Nall (no recommendations for bike improvements)
- For 2015, they are reconstructing College, from State Line to El Monte. They do not have the budget for bike lanes. There is a recommended trail link on the north side of College down to the dog park. It is a gravel path. This has been surveyed and construction plans are in the works. It may go out for a bid later this year. Members discuss the projects further.
- 2017 every arterial street will have some kind of bike improvement plan on it.
 - Roe Avenue from 121st Street to 135th Street is part of the bike plan.
 - Mission Road from 119th to 127th Street (recommended for bike improvements)
 - 151st Street from Nall, east to the city limits.

2016 Planned Residential Street Projects – Mill & Overlay – Brian Anderson

- Members have the listed streets scheduled for a mill and overlay in their packets.
- Wenonga from 93rd north to 91st street is a red route (from Ward Parkway to Ranchmart), slated for sidewalks, sharrows, signage etc. He explains the approval process. Members discuss the matter further. Members desire a signage project. Brian Anderson will check into the signage costs. Bill Blessing had spoken to a member of the Leawood Foundation who expressed interest in funding signage costs.

Leawood City Park: Soccer field accessibility trails

- One of the outcomes from the Park & Recreation Master Plan Phase I indicated a lack of ADA accessible fields for viewing.
A funded project this year was to provide ADA access to the fields. We plan to construct 6' wide concrete sidewalks to provide ADA access to all the fields. There will be a new sidewalk from the tennis courts east to the new dog park that will provide field viewing of the south soccerfields but improve the safety of walking from the central parking lot to the dog park.

Planning Report

- Mark Klein shared that they are implementing bike plans in developments. He shared that the city adopted 135th Street community plan that goes along the 135th street corridor last year. They are applying for a grant to fund the next phase of planning the 135th Street Corridor.

Police Report

- Erik Butler will discuss this more when he is able to attend the next meeting. He is an instructor for bike training on Wednesdays thru March. He spoke of a cyclist who was hit by a car at night. The cyclist was cited for the accident because he was not as far right as he should have been. When the car tried to pass him, he was hit. Bob Crowell replied that cyclists are instructed to take more of the lane at night so they are seen easier. This instruction needs reviewing.

Misc.

- Members would like a presence at the 4th of July event, HOA event, and session of the Chamber of Commerce presentation (Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings) for Bicycle Friendly Businesses. Long term communication plan includes a bigger effort when everything is ready to be announced.

HOA Invite

- Members are invited to the 7th Annual Leawood Sustainability Summit. A brief explanation about the event is shared.

Adjourn

- Next meeting is April 1, 2015.