

Bicycle Friendly Committee

January 6TH, 2016 MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members share personal news and updates.

The BFC meeting came to order at 5:45 pm.

- Bill Blessing made a motion to approve the agenda. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- David Harwood made a motion to approve the amended November 4th meeting minutes. Bill Blessing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2016 Chair and Vice Chair Election

- Brian Neilson volunteered for Chair and Alicia Jennings volunteered for Vice Chair. Members approved the change.

Safe Routes to School

- Brian Anderson shares Sustainability Advisory Board member Gareth Matthews' efforts in designating certain streets as a safe route that Mission Trail could recommend as good routes for kids to walk or bike to school. Riding together, they reviewed streets around the school Gareth Matthews' kids attend. During a staff discussion of this with Scott Lambers, City Administrator, Joe Johnson, Public Works Director and Chris Claxton, Park & Rec. Director; it was determined that staff should review the walking/biking status of all the Leawood schools to determine the most needed areas for missing sidewalks. The goal is to fill in these gaps as a priority. David Ley, City Engineer is marking these areas on a map and would like to have them completed soon. David Harwood discusses school traffic concerns with the 143rd Street project. He asked if engineering staff met with Prairie Star school representatives. Members discuss gathering various school concerns, addressing them with a goal of solving them with city staff (Police, Public Works, Planning, etc.)
- Bike/Walk to School and Bike to Work events are in May. The International Bike/Walk to School event is in October.
 - Action Items:** Bill Blessing requested a copy of David Ley's map. Alicia Jennings will send Marica Putman a list of BFC and SAB school liaisons, principal, and contact parent if available. Brian Anderson will send out David Ley's maps as he completes them to talk about in the future. As Public Works was not in attendance of this meeting, specific questions regarding 143rd Street design will be followed up at the next meeting.

Community Cycling Event

- Brian Anderson was contacted by Ken Whiteside regarding a bike race with possible event proceeds to benefit the "Ride of the Fallen" memorial ride. The BFC discussed possibly holding a ciclovia after the race. September 4th was discussed as a possible date for these events because of traffic control devices are already set out for the Labor Day Run on September 5th.
- Phil Goff contacted Ken Whiteside received an update for the event. The event could be very large in terms of bicycle racers registering. A big issue will be securing city approval to close the course from traffic. He would like to close off Tomahawk Creek Parkway and a portion of College for several hours. He will contact Brian Anderson after speaking with Chief Troy Rettig. Cyclist groups/clubs are excited as this extends their riding season too.
 - Action Items:** Brian Anderson will provide a follow-up for the next meeting.

ATTENDEES

5:30 pm • Leawood City Hall
4800 Town Center Drive
Main Conference Room

Members

- Alicia Jennings, Chair**
- Bill Blessing, Vice Chair**
- Bob Crowell**
- Bill Day**
- David Harwood**
- Brian Neilson**
- Pete Stover**

City Staff

- Brian Anderson**
Parks Superintendent
- Marica Putman**
Administrative Graphics Tech
- David Ley**, City Engineer
- Phil Goff**, Police Officer
- Chris Rues**, Police Officer
- Mark Klein**, Planning Official

Guests

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Leawood BFC Report Card Review

- The Leawood report card from The League of American Bicyclists list Leawood's Safety Measures Crashes as 4,000 per 10K bicycle commuters. The average is 370. This appears to be erroneous. Brian Anderson will call them to discuss it. This is not the final report card. Members reviewed and discussed the report card findings. They did the same for the criteria for bronze recognition. They also reviewed the City of Shawnee report card. Leawood can reapply again this fall.
- Bill Blessing suggested adding the implementation of the self-propelled Leawood plan and signage project follow-up as an agenda item going forward to help improve the report card metric.
- The wayfinding signage project has been put on hold. \$50,000 was the budget. Members discuss creative ways to find funding (i.e. architectural schools such as interns).
- Bob Crowell pointed out that this bronze recognition is important but it is just a guideline. Our true goal is to make this community safer. Members agreed.
 - **Action Items:** David Harwood will look into grants as possible funding sources for the wayfinding project.

Pedal Assist Electric Bicycles

- Brian Anderson received inquiries for pedal assist bicycles on the trails. Legal or not legal? Some can go up to 30 mph. He has sent out an inquiry on a list serve of the association of pedestrian and bicycle planners and received feedback of what others are doing across the country. Brian also brought this topic up at the MARC Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Committee meeting. A unified rule for trails across city borders would be ideal.

Police Department Review

- No additional comments.

Planning Department Review

- Mark Klein has an applicant for the next city council meeting for a preliminary 2 block subdivision at 151st Street and Mission Road with a connection to Ironwoods Park. It will have an 8 foot bike trail.

HOA Invitation

- Members were invited to attend SAB's Leawood Sustainability Summit on February 26th at the Lodge of Ironwoods. Topics include water conservation and trees.

Adjourn

- Brian Neilson sets the next BFC meeting date as March 2nd, 2016.
- Brian Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Harwood and Bill Blessing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.