

Bicycle Friendly Committee

April 20TH, 2016 MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Kevin Corbett has been appointed to this committee and will start in June. He was invited to attend this meeting.

The BFC meeting came to order at 5:40 pm.

- Bill Blessing requested that a review of action items are listed in future agendas and then he made a motion to approve the agenda. Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Pete Stover made a motion to approve the January 6th meeting minutes. Bill Blessing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bike Metrics

- Bill Blessing suggests that the committee start tracking what it does. This shows how effective the committee is, to understand what is actually being done in Leawood, help facilitate the citizens, and to help with bicyclist rankings. Chair Neilson emphasizes that the committee will discuss whether to start tracking these metrics or not.
- Brian Anderson show map routes onscreen as a starting point of mileage. Miles of bike lanes that are recommended in the plan, signed bike streets, trails and side paths along streets in the current plan and what the plan recommends is the ultimate goal that the bike plan suggests. Brian Anderson's listed below includes education, bike parking, bike friendly businesses, infrastructure goals, projects, what has been funded, etc. Members' discussion on sidewalks, trails, planned and signed routes continues. They also discussed Safe Routes to School (it is a program that parents organize to chaperon a walking school bus to school) and priority routes to school. Members discuss leadership roles for the schools.

Bicycle Metric	Current	Planned	Ultimate goal
Miles of bike lanes	3.2	20.3	23.5
Miles of signed bike streets	0	26.7	26.7
Miles of shared use paths/trails	9.65	16.48	26.13
Number of Bike Friendly Businesses/Shopping Centers	0		discussion topic
Number of Encouragement/Education Events	4	5	
Commercial Centers w/ Bike Parking	?		100%

Bill Blessing makes a motion to continue to adopt a resolution, developing practical metrics for Brian Anderson and staff to continue working on both infrastructure and other metrics that progress toward the master plan vision. Pete Stover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Bill Blessing suggests these follow-up items for the next meeting for Chair Neilson.
 - Infrastructure. Whatever time frame Brian Anderson thinks it's reasonable.
 - Continue to listen to other non-infrastructure ideas.
 - Active volunteers. Events and solicitations of bike friendly businesses into action items and holding members accountable. Discuss goals.
- Brian Anderson shared The League of American Bicycle' "Keys to Bronze" recommendations. Chair Neilson reiterated that the committee needs to think what's best for Leawood and not just for the League. David Ley spoke of how they can measure volume (traffic counting for cyclists). Brian Anderson shared that he was contacted by Overland Park about permanent trail counters. Members continue to discuss signage, MARC designs, locations, installation, costs, and more.

ATTENDEES

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

Members

- Brian Neilson, Chair
- Alicia Jennings, Vice Chair
- Bill Blessing
- Bill Day
- David Harwood
- Chuck Sipple, Councilmember
- 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

- Debra Filla, Councilmember

- David Ley requests that the signage selection be done by the members. Debra Filla recommends getting all signage you need from a budget standpoint and suggested that a full survey be done. David Ley explains that the full survey will take a while. He envisions that it will probably happen in thirds or even quarters. Members briefly discuss this topic.

Action Items: Brian Anderson will revise the Bicycle Metric to include additional requests. He will also pursue a graphics design plan with MARC or Johnson County. He will try to have a speaker for the next meeting. He will also pursue a recommended number of signs for the implementation for the selection of the routes in the plans.

✚ Tomahawk Creek Parkway Kermis (Bicycle Race Event)

- Brian Anderson has been meeting weekly with Ken Whiteside, Leawood Police Officer and member of the Blue River Bicycle Club and with the race promoter discussing the proposed route.
- It will be a criterium race (no more than 5 kilometers, looping). Tomahawk Creek Parkway will be closed from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 4, 2016. There will be an intermission period for public racing. Bill Blessing pointed out that the time allotted for the public racing may be too short and not enough for the public to leave the course. He suggests informing the race promoter of this possibility.
- Festival atmosphere, beer garden, public art tours, food trucks, and more. Estimated cost is \$6,000 with proceeds after expenses donated to the Leawood Foundation for an "All Inclusive Playground" at the City Park. Originally it was for "Ride of the Fallen" and was later changed. Gordon Biersch is setting up the beer garden and will give a portion to the Leawood Foundation. They need additional sponsors and volunteers.
- Members continue to discuss details for the event such as a card that promotes the beauty of the parks and public art pieces, etc.

Action Items: Brian Anderson was asked to address the race concerns of the intermission period when he meets with the race promoter.

✚ Safe Routes to Schools – Happening on May 4th

- Vice-Chair Jennings contacted schools for participation. All schools are participating with the exception of Cure of ARS.
- St. Michaels has 77 kids walking with the crossing guard without any parents. Big success!
- Nativity now has a crossing guard. At least 100 kids are walking home after school.
- No comment from Prairie Star. If Brookwood participates, Chair Neilson will be present along with his kid.
- Vice-Chair Jennings is working with Brookwood trying to get their area safe. She explains the unsafe route involving Wenonga and Pawnee Lane with kids walking into the street unsafely. Members discuss the route issues and priority routes to school. Debra Filla suggests having another get together, inviting parents that attended the first meeting and anybody who wants to attend to discuss possible solutions.

Action Items: Everyone is to contact their schools for participation the Bike to School Walk day on May 4th. Volunteers to help Vice-Chair Jennings are welcomed.

✚ Bike to Work Week

- Last year the committee did stops among the fire stations, providing beverages, fruits, breakfast items, etc. to anyone who was riding a bike. They set this up for five days. The committee decided not to do this due to low participation.
- City employees are participating in a Bike to Work day on Friday, May 20th. They will ride from Gezer Park at 7:20 am (using bike routes/trails) to the Justice Center. Breakfast will be provided at the Justice Center. A ride back to Gezer Park will be available.

✚ Trail Closing

- The trail across from the Justice Center is closing today in repairs for a low water crossing bridge. If the weather cooperates, it will be reopen the third week of May. There will be a small trail connection with the trail to the variance sculpture as a trail detour.

✚ Adjourn

- The meeting ended at 7:25 pm. The next BFC meeting date as June 1st, 2016.