

Bicycle Friendly Committee

August 3, 2016 MINUTES

🌟 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members greet.

🌟 The BFC meeting came to order at 5:43 pm.

- Brian Anderson shared the roles of councilmembers Filla and Sipple who attend BFC meetings. They are considered guests and their presences are not counted for quorum nor do their votes count toward recommendations. The BFC makes recommendations to the Sustainability Advisory Board to which these councilmembers belong to and are supported then.
- Bill Blessing made a motion to approve the agenda. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kevin Corbett made a motion to approve the June 1st minutes. Pete Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

🌟 June 1st Follow-Up Items/Updates

- Alicia Jennings will give a copy of the Self-Propelled Leawood Book to Kevin Corbett. **Completed.**
- David Ley will contact Mark Andrasik to place the Self-Propelled Leawood copy online that is easily accessed and linked to the SAB webpage. **Completed.**
- David Ley will estimate signage needed and provide an estimate needed. In his memo that was given to members, he contacted a sign contractor and received an estimate of \$141,000 for three signs at each change of direction (one advanced, one at the intersection, one on the receiving street for both the Red Route (north) and the Blue Route (south) loops. This included the MUTCD standard Bike Route sign, 6"x6" logo and name of route on top of the sign and a sign with an arrow to direct the change of direction. If the minimum number of signs are installed (no approach signs) estimated cost is \$94,000. Members discuss color name vs directional name routes and warning/advance/approach signage. **Completed.**

Bill Blessing makes a motion for Brian Anderson to draft a proposal for a resolution for BFC to review and then be given to the Sustainability Advisory Board to be submitted to Council. This draft is to be more specific, take a position of how many signs are needed per intersection, the total number of signs received for \$94,000, and polling for name routes. Kevin Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of signs for commuter and recreational route continues.

(Brian, please note: not 100% sure if this is what he said. It was garbled.)

Bill Blessing makes a motion for staff to develop a resolution for the next meeting that clarifies all the questions for signage and routes. Kevin Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Debra Filla will approach the council for the budget estimate for recreational loops, bike lanes and signage and another for installation. She will converse with Chuck Sipple to discuss if they want to provide a council report on this metric on Monday in anticipation of the budget meeting. **Pending.**
- Brian Anderson was asked to have Bike Walk to School (Oct 5) fliers ready for "Back to School" night event. **Pending.**

ATTENDEES

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

Members

- Brian Neilson, Chair**
- Alicia Jennings, Vice Chair**
- Bill Blessing**
- Kevin Corbett**
- Bill Day**
- David Harwood**
- 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**
- Chuck Sipple, Councilmember**
- Ken Whiteside, Police**

- David Harwood shared a Utah DOT developed app for “walking the school bus”, allowing schools to set up groups and messaging. He suggested taking a look at the app and bringing it to the school's attention. It is U-DOT-snap. Vice-Chair Jennings announced that the most difficult thing is finding a parent to head it up.
- Chair Neilson will contact Boulevard for sponsorship. Brian Anderson was asked to invite other staff, as necessary, for race event planning. **Pending.**
- Brian Anderson will set up a table at the 4th of July event. Members are welcome to work the table if they can. **Completed.**
- Marica Putman will send emails for a poll to meet July 27th instead of August 3rd. **Forgotten.**

✚ Tomahawk Creek Parkway Kermis (Bicycle Race Event)

- Special Guest Ken Whiteside speaks about the upcoming Kermis.
- The Kermis planners meet every Friday to discuss the race and festival. They just received their final approval from the Police Department. Tomahawk Creek Parkway will be closed from 8 am – 3:30 pm on September 4th.
- There are a few sponsors like Gordon Biersch, LL Bean, Elite Cycling, etc. Monies will cover the expenses and the proceeds from Gordon Biersch will go to the Leawood Foundation. Everything is lining up.
- Explanation of race categories, vendors, in-kind donations, safety, promotions, t-shirts, etc. Members have a Q&A session.
- Ken Whiteside speaks about the biking community coming together. He also speaks about how bikers have wanted to ride TCP for a long time. He explains what to expect for the race format.
- Members continue the discussion.

✚ City Department Reports

- Mark Klein received an application from Pinnacle II that was approved to add an additional level to their parking garage and they are adding 6 bike racks to accommodate 12 bikes that are covered.
- Received a final plan for the next meeting for a micro hospital located at 133rd Street and State Line Road. They will have bicycle racks too. At 137th and Mission, he received preliminary plans for an independent assisted care living facility will have some bike racks in their final plans. Bill Blessing suggested capturing shower facilities and so forth for future league applications.
- Brian Anderson is making a strong push in the Johnson County area for the American Discovery Trail to get signs up on Indian Creek and Tomahawk Creek trails up. There will be changes to the American Discovery Trail and how it connects to Missouri. The National Park Service is pushing for the Retracement Trail that meets with the Santa Fe, California, and Oregon Trails. They are making Kansas City a project site for this trail that is to be a pedestrian and bicycle friendly retracement of these trails through Kansas City and Johnson County out to Gardner. The Santa Fe Trail comes into Leawood at 123rd Street and State Line Road. Perfect time to move the American Discovery Trail. He explains this further. Members discuss this might be a model for Leawood. They continue discussing various trails and connections throughout Missouri and Kansas.

✚ Committee Members Reports

- Dave Harwood is reviewing bicycle initiatives like using satellite data and apps cyclists are using to collection information. He gave examples of how this information is used to gather community input rather than an engineer's input. Brian Anderson mentioned that Overland Park installed permanent bike and pedestrian counters on their trails in two locations. One is underneath Roe prior to bridge on the way to I-Lan Park and the other is located when crossing at Mission, going north toward Roe Ave. These will share that data. Vice-Chair Jennings suggested having a map of BFC plan.

✚ Adjourn

- The meeting ended at 8:00 pm. The next BFC meeting is October 5, 2016.