

## September 6th, 2017 MINUTES

### 🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members and guests exchanged greetings and introductions.

### 🚩 The BFC meeting came to order.

- David Harwood made a motion to approve the agenda. Barry Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- David Harwood made a motion to approve the amended July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes. Dan Schaeffer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### 🚩 Discuss Bike/Walk Event Ideas

- City Council approved funding for a \$5,000 bike/walk event.
- Chris Claxton discusses having the bike/walk event back to back with Labor Day Run. She explains her process for a new event. Items to think about and discuss:
  - Event name and location
  - More family focus activities
  - The North Loop ride/parade
  - Food/picnics
  - Team up with other vendors like Bike/Walk KC
  - Police Department rodeo
  - Think cost effective, less labor intensive
  - Bike photos
  - Music
  - Similar events

### 🚩 North Loop Update

- A signed 10 mile loop.
- David Ley shows sign actual size samples with different logos. Members suggest using the sign using the tree logo and City of Leawood name. MUTCD sign sizes are 12" x 18" or 18" x 24". Signs would be placed on a street light poles about 3 or 4 feet from the curb, placed at turns and intersections. He can order a standard sign with the logo and one with an arrow. He can have one mounted on the street for people to view. It will take approximately 8 weeks for the signs to be created after the bid approval. 200 signs of right arrows, left arrows and standard MUTCD.
- Brian Anderson bicycle the North Loop to test its ride ability and to see if there's safer route. Barry Nelson has also cycled the loop several times. Because of busy street crossings at 103<sup>rd</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> 83<sup>rd</sup> and Somerset, for example, the committee discussed concerns with marketing the loop as appropriate for all ages. Young children should be accompanied by adults. This route would be appropriate for all levels of cyclists, provided there is adult supervision with children. Ron Schikevitz shared that bike shop rides and other experienced road cyclists would likely ride the loop because of its overall length (especially when the south loop is added) and lower car traffic. For the south loop, possibly have an alternate street route instead of paved trails to accommodate road cyclists. The committee then discussed how to market the loop and inform people about the bike loop with the following:
  - Hang tags could be placed on resident's door along the bike route to cyclist/motorist etiquette and notification if a special bike ride would be scheduled.
  - Sign information can be added to the program guide.
  - An informational kiosk at the starting point at City Park. Relocate the bike repair station so it is near the kiosk.
  - Install some "Kansas Law give cyclists 3 feet" signs.

### ATTENDEES

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

#### Members

- Kevin Corbett, Chair
- Alicia Jennings, Vice-Chair
- Bill Blessing
- Bill Day
- David Harwood
- Barry Nelson
- Ron Schikevitz
- Dan Schaeffer

#### City Staff

- Chris Claxton  
Director of Parks & Recreation
- Brian Anderson  
Parks Superintendent
- Marica Putman  
Administrative Graphics Tech
- David Ley, City Engineer
- Mark Klein, Planning Official
- Phil Goff, Police Officer
- Kirt Yoder, Sergeant Police Officer

#### Guests

- Chuck Sipple, Councilmember
- Karry Rood, Police

- Police to visit schools and provide information to students and teachers.
- Advertising brochures of the loop could be given to local bike shops & sporting goods stores.

#### Main Routes to Schools

- Chuck Sipple and others have made overtures to all of the principals at the middle, elementary, and parochial schools and meeting with them to introduce the concept of a main route to school for walkers and bikers. The City Council has adopted a kind of philosophy and would like people to walk and bike more in the City of Leawood. They would like to promote this at the elementary and middle school level. They are involved in a series of meetings with PTOs and school advocates. The pilot is Mission Trail. They have met with David Ley and Mark Klein and discussed what needs to be done in those neighborhoods and more. The template will then be taken to other schools. Members continue their discussion of the pilot.
- Brian Anderson points out that this committee is trying to get the schools active in building their own safe routes to school program. It has been very supportive with signs, cross walks, sidewalks, etc.
- International Bike/Walk to School is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be ordered and printed with "Bike/Walk to School This Week." Some schools are doing the walking school bus.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at KCK. Members are seeking funding and other information for Safe Routes to School. Bill Blessing mentioned possible federal funding through Bridging the Gap.
- Joan Leavens applied for \$40,000 grant and received \$25,000 from Safe Routes to School.

#### City Department Reports

- Parks & Recreation. Brian Anderson reports that Tomahawk Park trail segment from Roe to Tomahawk Park is finished except for seeding. They will seed it this week but the trail is opened despite a few flood events.
- Public Works. David Ley reports that 133<sup>rd</sup> Street bike lane striping is finished. Last May, Council did approve sidewalk reconstruction on Mission Road from Cure to 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. Currently 4 feet wide with the sidewalk sits against the back of the curb. The road will be narrowed up a couple feet to get a 3 foot sidewalk separation between the curb and sidewalk and reconstructed with a 5 foot sidewalk. Power poles will have to be relocated or the sidewalk will be. Construction will be next summer. The estimated cost is \$380 thousand in addition to the mill and overlay project that is out there which did get approved. CARS funding half of that. CARS is County Assisted Road System.
- Planning. Mark Klein reports that Cornerstone has the Element Hotel for final planning. It is just north of the Church of the Resurrection. They have been approached to be a bike friendly business. Members discuss bike access throughout the shopping center.
- Brian Anderson also reports that MARC has been trying to get funded an updated regional master plan. He would to get guidance on what regional wayfinding would look like. He believes that the project will be funded for 2018 and that they working on it next year.

#### Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned.
- The next regular BFC meeting of November 1st, 2017.