

Bike/Walk Leawood

May 1st, 2019 MINUTES

✚ Approve Agenda

- David Harwood made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approve November 7th Minutes

- Ron Schikevitz made a motion to approve the November 7th, 2018 minutes. Vice-Chair Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Bicycling Website Review – Ross Kurz

- Ross Kurz presents the bicycling portion of the website to the committee (under Parks, under Parks and Trails).
 - A Go Pro like run-through of the North and South Loops plus printable maps to be available soon. The video will probably take 30 days to complete. Members discussed possible additional and advertising signage.
 - Ross Kurz asked that members make suggestions for what they would like to see in the video such as restrooms and he will incorporate that it. Map My Ride and other apps were mentioned and discussed.
- Vice-Chair Jennings shared that Overland Park is installing nearly 70 miles of new bike lanes and street markings.

✚ South Loop Update – David Ley, Brian Anderson

- Plans are currently being designed and will be out to bid in 2 to 3 weeks. It will be late summer when the signs are installed. Three rapid fire beacons will be installed at College and Brookwood due to speed and curve of the road.
- Brian Anderson displays the map, points to where the signs will be installed in the loop as David Ley explains the trail signage. They are a smaller version, similar to the ones on the streets. Members discussed the following:
 - Legalities for two way traffic on the bridge trail under 8 feet (no federal money involved)
 - The 2nd version of the plan to the park and south of 135th is still as envisioned (Mission will have a bike lane, plus the path and trail)
 - Different paths throughout the proposed plan, extensions and connections
 - \$60,000 budget, sidewalk at Roe, curb cut, rapid fire beacons to plan
 - Other streets with bike lanes or proposed ones
- Brian Anderson is finishing up a design contract with Patti Banks and Associates from Vireo (landscape architecture, planning, and design firm). Steve Rhoades, Landscape Architect and Director of Business Development for Vireo, is designing the trail head for the north and south loops. The Parks department will construct it.

✚ Stride 'N Ride Event – Brian Anderson

- Event flyers were handed out that he received from Kirby Wiley. It will be at the Justice Center.
- Stride 'N Ride information is in the Park & Recreation section of the city's website. Three banners out front, City Park and at Ironwoods Park.
- Activities include: family walks, trail hike/etiquette, kids fun run, bicycle decorating contest, Trex bikes to try out, bike rodeo, skills course and more. There's a need for committee volunteers to lead the trail hike, be judges, and be at booths.
- Map of event locations and parking provided.
- Kona Ice and Johnson County Health & Environment Department will attend.

ATTENDEES

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

Members

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

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
- Karry Rood**, Police Admin
Services Coordinator

Guest

- Chuck Sipple, CM W3**
- Ross Kurz, Director of IS**

- Marketing was done through an online publication called *Macaroni Kids*. They will do 2 dedicated email blasts to 4,000-6,000 subscribers, a side banner on their website, 4 social media posts on their Facebook page, and in addition to that, Kim Curran has created a Facebook page and more.

Bike to Work Week – Brian Anderson

- Employee's bike to work day is Friday, May 17th. Karry Rood has planned a route that starts at Bike America at 95th/Nall and ends at the Justice Center.
- Meet 6:50 am, kick stands up at 7:05 am. A ride back if needed.
- Our HR department funds and supports this activity for wellness.
- Members discuss turnout, past events, and other biking events.
- Bike to Work Week proclamation will be on the next council meeting.
- Vice-Chair Jennings shared that May 8th is Bike Walk to School day. Brookwood (participates every Wednesday) and Corinth will participate. Cure cancelled due to construction in front of the school and Nativity cancelled because of 119th and Mission (they will do the fall event). Saint Michaels has not responded.

City Department Reports

- David Ley, Public Works
 - Started on Mission Road project, 119th thru 127th to be completed in 5 months or so. It will have bike lanes and a 3rd lane for a left turn lane.
 - A public meeting was held for Lee Blvd, 95th to 103rd to talk about the plan to widen the road by two feet for bike lanes. Engineering plans for Lee Blvd were completed and a public meeting was held where a resident was upset about the bike lanes and thought it was unnecessary. Lee Blvd will be bid on in two weeks. He discusses details about the plan such as a 9" gutter curb on both sides. Project to last 5 months with detours to State Line Blvd.
- Mark Klein, Planning.
 - Ranchmart was approved thru City Council. Sidewalks along Mission Road all the way down to 95th Street and all the way across. Some of the sidewalks along Mission Road will be protected by a 3 foot retaining wall, have lane scaping adjacent to the road and have sidewalk along the retaining walls to be 6 feet in width.
 - A mixed use project at 135th Street and Kenneth Road with duplexes and triplexes. They have shifted 137th Street and rather than dead end it, they are working with property owners to connect to Kenneth Road. There will be 4 foot bike lanes along both sides of 137th Street. Members discuss the project.
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- Brian Anderson, Parks & Recreation
 - He continues to serve on a task force from the Kansas City Area Metro Park & Recreation Directors Association to develop a position letter which would recommend a unified stance regarding e-bike use on trails in the Kansas City region. Currently, e-bikes may or may not be allowed depending on which jurisdiction you are in. There are 3 different types of e-bikes, Type 1 requires pedaling to get a power boost and assistance stops after 20 MPH. Type 2 works the same as Type 1, but there is a throttle and the bike can move without pedaling. Type 3 the rider must be pedaling, but the top end assistance speed is 28 mph. We are also reviewing the use of E-Scooters on trails as well. Brian Anderson will keep the committee informed about the task forces' progress.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned.
- The next regular BFC meeting of July 10th, 2019.
- Future meetings in 2019: September 4th, November 6th.