

## Bike/Walk Leawood

# July 10th, 2019 MINUTES

### ✚ Approve Agenda

- David Harwood made a motion to approve the agenda. Ron Schikevitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ✚ Approve November 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes

- Ron Schikevitz made a motion to approve the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 minutes. David Harwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ✚ e-Bikes – Trails and Shared Use Path Update – Brian Anderson

- Every jurisdiction has different rules on whether they permit them according to their current ordinances and trail regulations.
  - Overland Park views them as motorized and forbids them.
  - Leawood does not view them as motorized.
- At the Metro Area Director's meeting, he discussed the issue and suggested reviewing the regulations to be consistent throughout the metro. It caused a bit of controversy.
  - A small task force was formed, meeting held.
  - Some believe that the recreational trails are for recreational purposes only.
    - Jackson County does not want to allow Class 2 e-Bikes on the trails. Neither does Overland Park.
    - Johnson County is doing a 6 month testing period. They will allow and monitor e-Bikes on Mill Creek and the Gary Haller trails during this time.
  - Leawood does not view them as motorized vehicle and are allowed on the trails.
- The Metro Area Director's committee has written a recommendation letter to be reviewed and approved. It is a letter from all the area parks and recreation directors to present to city council for a unified recommendation. They are recommending Class 1 and 3 e-Bikes but not Class 2 (that could change in the future). This committee hopes that the letter will be shared with them.
- Classes of e-Bikes
  - Class 1: e-Bikes that are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.
  - Class 2: e-Bikes that also have a maximum speed of 20 mph, but are throttle-assisted.
  - Class 3: e-Bikes that are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph.
- e-Bikes help older riders ride again. Members feel the issue is more on speed safety and courtesy on the trails with kids, walkers, and pets. Another task to do is to define a policy for those with mobility issues and their use of their motorized wheel chairs and scooters on the trails. Some people abuse it with golf carts. Members like the idea of monitoring the trail traffic first before citing rules and emphasizing courtesy along with safety will police itself. Members discuss it further.

### ✚ South Loop Update – Brian Anderson

- The Kansas City Star's 911 featured Brian Anderson and the North and South Loops.
- 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 with Scott Fanning who is good at building stone monuments and columns. Following committee recommendations for something more upscale and as a destination area, Vireo came up with an area design that incorporates the features liked from other designs into one. He presents the committee the concept sketches, explaining the features of the design. Budget money left from the South Loop signage will go to this design. Positive suggestions and design likes from the members ensues.

#### 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**

- David Ley had spoken about Roe issues in previous meetings. Brian Anderson explains where bike lanes are being incorporated (Tomahawk Creek Park, south of 119<sup>th</sup> Street and follow the trail to Mission Road). He was thinking of going past 124<sup>th</sup> Street, enter on 125<sup>th</sup> Terrace, get off on Mission Road, come down Catalina across 127<sup>th</sup> to Delmar down to 132<sup>nd</sup> and be back on 133<sup>rd</sup> and still aim for Gezer Park. Counter clockwise, cross to the other side of Mission. And coming off the trail at Roe, you have to go across Roe, go down several blocks to go southbound. If there's no trail, signage will be at the road. At 123<sup>rd</sup> and Mission there is a cross for bikes at the street light. When they do Mission from 135<sup>th</sup> southbound in 2022 that will have bike lanes and a trail. This will take them to Ironwoods Park and bring them back up. He explains the rest of the loop. Ride past Gezer Park to turn onto High, then to Sagamore Road around the golf course to Overbrook to Wenonga to 121<sup>st</sup> Street and come back to High then across Hallbrook, then Brookwood to College with a Rapid Fire Beacon crossing, go across to the trail and back to the park. Bike lanes on Mission Road will be 5 feet. Members discuss and review this route while viewing it. The map should show the current loop and the future one. This route is easier for children and low confidence riders. This route will be known as 'Alternate B' and is a temporary South Loop as a work around for Roe. Because of its temporary status, it was suggested to be cautious in signage spending since it will be modified for a longer South Loop in a few years.
- South Loop signs have not been ordered due to Roe concerns. They are aiming for a fall inauguration. The signs on the trail will be the same style just smaller. It will be 4"x6" on a 4"x4" post along the trail at turning conflicts. They discuss other signage locations and letting HOAs know what's coming. A video was made of the North Loop and clocks in as 10.5 miles and soon there will be one for the South Loop. The City's IT department hired this company to make the video and will be under the cycling section. They have asked if they needed more drone footage.

**Chair Corbett asks for a motion to approve the Alternate B for the temporary South Loop. Bill Blessing makes the motion. Dave Harwood seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

#### City Department Reports

- Phil Goff, Police.
  - One bicycle accident on Roe, believed to be an aggravated battery with the car hitting him on purpose.
  - One minor accident at Ironwoods Park due to the sun being in the eyes.

#### Other

- Ron Schikevitz.
  - He put this on bikeaholics. Overland Park has done its striping on 143<sup>rd</sup> and Nall. A brief discussion of the connectivity with Overland Park.
- Rescheduling the next meeting date.
  - Brian Anderson will send out a poll to determine the next meeting date.

#### Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned.
- The next regular BFC meeting of September 4<sup>th</sup> (will be rescheduled with a poll).
- Future meeting in 2019: November 6<sup>th</sup>.