



## MINUTES

MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
City Commission Room, City Hall  
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502  
February 11, 2009

**Members Present:** Dan Scott, Richard Markle, Brian Hardeman, Ben Champion, Diane Novak, Jeff Hooper, Julie Gibbs

**Members Absent:** Dave Colburn, Joseph Edmunds

**Staff Present:** Dan Oldehoeft, Bicycle Coordinator; Rob Ott, City Engineer

**Public Attendance:** 6

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Hardeman changed the order of agenda items so that two presentations could proceed immediately.

### **Presentation #1: Anderson Transportation Expansion Project presented by BG Consultants**

Tom Bennett presented several scenarios of the reconfiguration of the west end of Anderson Avenue from Anneberg Park through the intersection with Scenic Drive. Several maps depicting the various configurations were distributed to BAC members and to the public on hand. The biggest point of discussion focused on whether to place a multi-use path parallel and adjacent to Anderson Avenue or in the Cumberland Road ROW to the south. Bennett said that the Cumberland Road option was more favorable considering future growth but the Committee disagreed with him, Hooper citing the large populations to the NW of the intersection. There was also considerable discussion of signalization throughout the project area and its impact on bicycle and pedestrian movement. Hardeman pointed out missing pieces of linkage with the rest of the City. A discussion initiated by Markle of round-a-bouts vs. signalized intersections concluded with Bennett stating that round-a-bouts are general seen as not bicycle and pedestrian friendly but also that there is the possibility of a round-a-bout at Sharingbrook/Anneberg. Hooper and Hardeman stated they would not like to see a round-a-bout at Sharingbrook/Anneberg. The presentation concluded with the announcement that there would be an Open House meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> (subsequently changed to March 5<sup>th</sup>) for public comment on the project.

### **Presentation #2: Fourth Street and Southend Downtown Redevelopment presented by HWS Consulting Group**

Chuck Bartlett of HWS showed how they've considered bicycle and pedestrian traffic through the Southend Downtown Redevelopment area. Most noteworthy, according to Bartlett, is the difficulty

of incorporating bicycle traffic along 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Fifth Street was suggested as a viable option to bicycle through traffic. Hardeman asked about opening the intersection at Leavenworth and Third Street and Ott stated the City is looking into it. Oldehoeft commented on the possible advantages of bike traffic along Fifth Street. A discussion of sidewalks and designated multi-use paths ensued concluding with Hooper stating that Aggieville and the Downtown area both have restricted bicycle traffic on sidewalks. Champion stated that the degree that Third Street is bicycle-friendly will define the overall bicycle-friendliness of the area.

### **Staff Report**

Ott mentioned \$98 million in stimulus funding.

Oldehoeft announced that he will make a full presentation of the state of bicycle and pedestrian coordination at the next meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Citizen 1 stated he had previously lived in San Francisco, CA and suggested organizing a critical mass ride in Manhattan. Citizen 2 said there are already critical mass rides scheduled and information can be found at Pathfinder. Hardeman stated that any City-sponsored ride would need to obey all laws.

Citizen 2 announced the opening, by him, of a new bike shop on Moro Street in Aggieville named *Big Poppi's Bicycle Company*. He stated that they plan for the shop to serve as a center of bicycle culture and advocacy and that a bike club is being planned.

### **Old Business**

BAC bylaws were distributed to all committee members and Hardeman asked that everyone review the bylaws on their own time and be prepared to discuss and/or vote to approve the bylaws at the next meeting. Oldehoeft stated that any suggested changes could be emailed to him in the meantime.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.