



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

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

Members Absent: Dave Colburn

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

Public Attendance: 3

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

A motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes with noted change. Motion passed.

Old Business

BAC bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Several changes, clarifications, and omissions were suggested by committee members. Oldehoeft agreed to make all changes. A motion to approve the bylaws with all proposed changes passed.

Staff Report

Oldehoeft spoke on the state of bicycle and pedestrian coordination efforts in the City. His presentation began with a brief review of the original Bicycle Master Plan and the updates made recently. Novak asked if the City commissioners expected the BAC to update the Bicycle Master Plan. Hardeman responded by saying that any suggested updates would appear as part of the committee's report. Oldehoeft added that the update of the Bicycle Master Plan was the responsibility of the Bicycle Coordinator. Following this was a discussion of the major accomplishments of bicycle coordination over the last year- beginning with Oldehoeft's attendance at the League of American Bicyclists' open house and seminar in Shawnee, Kansas and ending with the formation and first meeting of the BAC. Highlighted in this discussion was the City's Bicycle Open House where the public was invited to City Hall in order to share thoughts on bicycle issues within the City with City Engineer Rob Ott, Bicycle Coordinator Dan Oldehoeft, and Bicycle Planning Intern Victoria McKennan. It was suggested that Oldehoeft make available to all Committee members an information packet consisting of the City Bicycle Survey results and Open House map results.

Ott outlined the City's requested projects for stimulus funding.

New Business

Grand Mere Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridors presented by Jerry Petty, Grand Mere Development

After distributing copies of the Grand Mere Circulation Park & Open Space Plan map, Petty explained Grand Mere Development's philosophy and planning efforts for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. In particular, he emphasized that a number of bike lanes and paths were already in place and are an ongoing integral part of the Grand Mere Development. Petty stated that they were specifically interested in seeing the City make a connection between Grand Mere and Anderson and he proposed that one possibility is through the Wyndham Heights subdivision. He concluded his remarks by saying that Grand Mere Development will continue to be proactive in catering to bicycle transportation needs.

The West Anderson Avenue project was briefly revisited. Hooper suggested the BAC draft a letter of recommendation to go to the City Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.