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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
May 14, 2009

Members Present: Brian Hardeman, Ben Champion, Dan Scott, Diane Novak, Rich Markle, Joe Edmunds, Julie Gibbs, Dave Colburn

Members Absent: Jeff Hooper

Staff Present: Dan Oldehoeft, Bicycle Coordinator

Public Attendance: 4

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Staff Report

Oldehoeft reported on the progress of bike rack installation, saying that in addition to the two racks at Riley County/Manhattan Health Department, 2 had been installed in Aggieville with a work order for two more to go in and two more had been installed at the front entrance of Sunset Zoo.

Oldehoeft announced that the BAC's bylaws had been approved by the City Commission.

Oldehoeft said that an update of the Bike Manhattan website was in order and that it would be completed as soon as staff could. Also, he mentioned the possibility of a Bike Manhattan blog which would provide more timely information but that it would need to be approved by the City Clerk first.

Oldehoeft informed the group that Hardeman and himself had been featured guests on radio station AM1350 KMAN's In Focus morning program.

Oldehoeft briefly discussed the signing into law, Colorado state senate bill # 09-148 which effectively creates stiffer penalties for driver aggression towards cyclists in that state. Oldehoeft also stated that the education of motorists and cyclists in our own community should be a priority focus.

Old Business

A discussion of the West Anderson realignment memo was initiated by Hardeman. All present members of the BAC were given a copy of the memo drafted by Hardeman. Colburn voiced his concern with an adjacent Anderson multi-use path due to possible conflicts with the entrances of Pebblebrook and Stone Creek. Hardeman asked if there would be a sidewalk along Anderson in lieu of a multi-use path.

Oldehoeft said he would get clarification on the sidewalk plan. Markle stated that if a pedestrian sidewalk alone existed along Anderson Ave. that cyclists would ride on it anyway. Champion then clarified the options thus: 1. One single multi-use path parallel to Anderson Ave. 2. Sidewalk on Anderson Ave. and multi-use path in Cumberland Rd. ROW. Hardeman agreed to make suggested changes to the memo. Concerning the two options, Colburn stated that as a representative of the school district he will vote on the side of safety rather than access.

Champion moved to approve the memo as amended. Motion passed.

Gibbs explained the Tobacco Use Prevention Program grant. The grant was procured through Riley County Manhattan Health Department and funded by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She stated that \$2500 of the grant would be available for the enhancement of the built environment and that the City was eligible for the award. Oldehoeft produced a quote for "Share the Road" signs that would allow the City to purchase approximately 45 signs and posts. Gibbs said that the approval of the signs would need to come from the Riley County Manhattan Health Department.

New Business

KSU Report

Kansas State University representatives, Mark Taussig and Gerry Snyder joined the group at the table for a discussion of bicycle planning efforts on the KSU campus. Taussig began by saying that he had been involved with the Bicycle Master Plan throughout its timeline. He stated that there has been a creation of designated places to ride and not to ride and that they've moved bike racks to accommodate this plan. Also, in addition to the perimeter multi-use paths, there is a East-West path near the library.

Snyder explained the philosophy of wanting to keep the core of the main campus bike-free and accommodate cyclists on the periphery. This includes utilizing campus police in an effort to rid the campus of abandoned bikes. Snyder also stated that the KSU Bicycle Guide includes a map of routes and parking.

Colburn said that the N. Manhattan corridor is the crowning achievement of shared design between the City and KSU that an effort in education is still needed. Edmunds suggested a "Rules of the Road" plaque at bike parking facilities. Novak suggested that concern over security is an issue and asked if cameras were used on campus. Taussig answered that they were not. Novak inquired about the use of covered bike parking. Snyder said they are looking into it and Taussig said that it is expensive but they are considering storage lockers. Scott suggested a fee for bike lockers to recover costs.

Work Session Proposal

Hardeman asked the group if there was sufficient interest in meeting more often to warrant a monthly work session meeting. Novak responded that she was interested in meeting in order to review the BMP chapter by chapter. Hardeman suggested meeting once per month opposite the regular BAC meeting. Novak wants the discussions to include origin/destinations and 2008 Bicycle Survey results. Champion said that the BMP was a great document and that we should be cautious of any action approaching the rewriting of it. Colburn stated that we want to gain ground with the City Commission and that an education component is huge in this regard and the education of cyclists would go a long way in getting the City Commission's attention. Hardeman suggested we create clear action items. Markle asked

whether any portion of the BMP had become obsolete. Hardeman answered that a lot had been done on campus but not in the City and Colburn added that the spoke-and-wheel concept including the completion of Linear Trail is yet to be achieved. Edmunds said that whenever Riley County proceeds with design of roadways, cycling is considered. Colburn stated that East-West routes are a big problem and reiterated that Linear Trail needs to be completed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.