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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
August 12, 2009

Members Present: Brian Hardeman, Ben Champion, Julie Gibbs, Brian Johnson, Joe Edmunds, Diane Novak, Dan Scott

Members Absent: Dave Colburn, Rich Markle

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

Public Attendance: 0

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

A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion passed by majority.

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New Business

1. *Southend Downtown Redevelopment presentation from Chuck Bartlett; HWS Consulting*

Bartlett stated that the design at this time was devoted to engineering and not landscaping but that would be accounted for later. Hardeman inquired about signal detection and suggested working with City staff to calibrate signals for cyclists.

Bartlett pointed out several key components of the area concerning pedestrian and bicycle traffic:

- Multi-use path along ROW of Pierre connecting the Depot
- Signalization at Ft. Riley Blvd. and at Pierre St.
- Discovery Center will be integrated with a trail system
- Mews from the Hotel to the park will include removable bollards to close it to car traffic for special events.

Bartlett said that bicycle parking could be set at any of a number of areas and solicited suggestions from the group. Novak questioned if covered bike parking had been considered. Bartlett answered that it had not and pointed out the parking garage for cars. Oldehoeft said that many current parking garage designs made allocation for bike parking at or near the entry/exit of the garage. Champion asked if there were guidelines as to the number and where to locate bike parking. Bartlett stated that there were none. Hardeman stated that nearer the entrance to buildings is better. Champion asked if there would be dining available at the hotel. Edmunds stated that the farmer's market would be draw for

bicycle traffic. Champion stated that there are two philosophies to follow with regards to bike parking in the area: grouped and distributed. Hardeman said that he preferred distributed. Champion said that visibility is important for safety, ease of access, and security. Ott suggested that lighting be considered. Champion then inquired about speed limits. Ott said that it may qualify at a CBD and that would make 20mph limits an option. Ott also suggested that the intersection of 3rd and Colorado could be raised at pedestrian crossings. Bartlett stated that slowing traffic is a goal of the design.

A major discussion point was how to enter the area on foot or by bicycle. Champion suggested a major route would be from Poyntz to 3rd. Hardeman asked about entering from the west and said he thought Yuma may have a wider-than-normal ROW that could be utilized. Bartlett suggested that an entry point at Yuma could utilize the hotel parking lot for connection.

Bartlett concluded by telling the group that there would be an internal design meeting on August 21 and public presentation after that- probably the 2nd week of September.

2. Bike Routes discussion led by Brian Hardeman

Hardeman pointed to the recent City Commission 2009 goal-setting session and said that he would like to see definitive plans for the future. He suggested that we frame priorities using different sections of town, starting with the downtown area. Champion said that bike lanes will change the usage in the area. Novak offered the idea that Jerry Snyder or a representative of the KSU Cycling Club could set up a booth for education, possibly 2 times a year. Champion added that a podcast demonstration could be used to show good vs. bad bike riding practices. Hardeman said there needs to be a connection with the Target area and that the Ft. Riley Blvd. bridge west of Westwood was very difficult for pedestrians and cyclists. Due to time constraints, Hardeman suggested we continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Staff Report

Ott:

- There will be a 3-way agreement between the City, State, and UPRR for the multi-use path railroad crossing at McCall Rd. and US24.
- The pedestrian bridge at Stonepoint is complete but there is no path to it yet.
- Bike lanes are planned on Wreath Avenue in the Barton Lake subdivision.
- Chad Bunger in Community Development is working a bike parking code for R-3 and Commercial zoned areas. Champion stated that it would be nice to have the standard based on something. Ott said that it would be an item at the next developers' meeting with Community Development.
- Concerning the west Anderson project, Commissioners are still interested in a roundabout at Scenic Drive. Hardeman stated that he had spoke at the last commission meeting because the BAC memo concerning the project was not included in the packet.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.