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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Conduff Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
January 15, 2009

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

Members Absent: Susanne Kufahl, Joseph Edmunds

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

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

Minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were approved by a majority vote.

Oldehoeft briefly reviewed the purpose and goals of the Manhattan Bicycle Advisory Committee and reminded present members of duties and responsibilities as Committee members. Oldehoeft asked if there were any questions. With no questions, all present committee members signed and submitted their individual Orientation Procedures form.

Oldehoeft then led a discussion of the creation of bylaws for the Committee. Committee members were given copies of other City advisory boards' bylaws as examples. Upon review, it was agreed, as suggested by Colburn, that the Manhattan Municipal Band Advisory Board bylaws most closely resemble what the Bicycle Advisory Committee bylaws should be. It was agreed that the Municipal Band bylaws be used as a template for the Bicycle Advisory Committee bylaws with appropriate changes, additions, and omissions. Oldehoeft will complete a draft for the Committees review and approval.

After a discussion of Chairholder positions, the Committee agreed by majority vote that two positions be created. Those positions are Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. It was then decided, by consensus, that the position of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson be decided by vote on a yearly basis taking place at each November meeting- the exception being the immediate filling of both positions. Novak made motion, Hooper 2nd, to elect Hardeman Chairperson. Motion passed by majority vote. Markle made motion, Hardeman 2nd, to elect Champion Vice Chairperson. Motion passed by majority vote.

The Committee agreed, by majority vote, Novak abstained, to not televise the monthly meeting. However, it was suggested that an informational banner be placed in rotation on the City's channel 3 that will provide meeting times, minutes, and other information concerning the Bicycle Advisory Committee. It was also suggested that allocation for public comment be made as a recurring agenda item. All agreed.

Ott reported to the Committee on ongoing and upcoming projects. These include:

1. Juliette/Bluemont left-turn lanes
2. Denison Avenue crosswalk
3. McCall Road multi-use path
4. Kimball/Candlewood pedestrian light
5. College- Claflin to Kimball westside pedestrian sidewalk
6. Pedestrian Bridge over Wildcat Creek
7. Todd Road
8. Hillcrest
9. Hwy 24/Marlatt intersection pedestrian underpass

Ott suggested calling area developers to the next meeting to have them present local projects they are working on concerning bicycle and pedestrian traffic. BG Consultants' West Anderson Avenue project was named as a possibility along with one other. It was agreed that Ott would make arrangements. Colburn commented that money for retro-fitting projects is hard to come by. A discussion of downtown redevelopment ensued where, at the end, it was suggested that Ott make a presentation of the Southend Redevelopment project at an upcoming meeting and Oldehoeft make a presentation of community survey findings and kinesiology student findings at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.