



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
October 14, 2009

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

Members Absent: Dave Colburn, Brian Johnson

Staff Present: Dan Oldehoeft, Bicycle Coordinator; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Victoria McKennan Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Intern

Public Attendance: 0

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hardeman presented the Annual Report. A motion was made to pass the report with minor changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Hardeman said he will have the Aggieville/Downtown Area Recommendation Memo prepared for the November meeting.

New Business

1. Staff Reports

Bicycle Coordinator Report

Oldehoeft mentioned considerations from other municipalities for Share the Road sign placement. Oldehoeft solicited the opinions of BAC members as to ideal locations for signage. Novak wondered if Johnson could help the BAC access accident data. Hardeman mentioned the Ft. Riley 177 viaduct. Oldehoeft suggested entrances into the City. Hardeman suggested east-west routes with a lot of traffic. Champion suggested all roads around campus, especially the west side of campus and Denison Ave. that is uncomfortable for bikers. Oldehoeft said the multi-use path is designed as a supplement, not a replacement for bike routes. Oldehoeft mentioned Miller Parkway and K-18 as an example of a bike route that crosses a major road. Hardmen suggested Manhattan and Linear Trail. He asked if signs must be placed within City limits. Gibbs said that they must be within Riley County. Placement within Pottawatomie County was questioned. Gibbs said she would review the grant again. Hardeman expressed hopes to lobby for a small budget every year. Oldehoeft said that sign placement will be ongoing and that Victoria will continue to research. Rob said he would do some staff work and make recommendations to the BAC.

Oldehoeft regretfully announced his resignation. His last day will be November 20th, 2009. Chad Bunger is recommended for the new Bicycle Coordinator in the planning department. Oldehoeft said that Bunger will be good for the position as his education was focused on bicycle and pedestrian planning in Manhattan. Rob agreed that Bunger's position in Community Development will make him a great addition.

City Engineer Report

Ott said he spoke with Park and Rec department and encouraged them to add bike racks at the Zoo Educational Building. The south-end PUD was approved and comments from the BAC were submitted for guidance. Ott said he would like to see bicycle parking inside the first floor of the garage. Ott said McCall is proceeding forward and that City Commission signed with Union Pacific. Ott said no new subdivisions are being reviewed. He would like to see increased bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to the splash pools at City Park. Hardeman asked if there would be new bike parking along with the new pool. Ott replied that bike parking would be a comment of his.

Novak asked about the TE application that has a December deadline. Novak asked if there had been discussion with Hyvee about moving their bike parking. Oldehoeft replied not yet, but that he will continue to try. Novak asked how Ft. Collins funds bicycling projects. Ott discussed issues of raising revenue. Novak said we should have something in the budget so that new momentum is not lost. Ott said that creating a line item in the budget requires approval by City Commission. The 2010 budget is already set, January is the time to start thinking about 2011 budget. Oldehoeft said now is the time to chose a specific project to recommend to the City Commission. Hardeman suggested the BAC should ask for Linear Trail improvements every year.

2. Recommended Routes for MHS West Campus

Hardeman relayed Colburn's concerns about viable routes. He asked how to encourage people to bike to MHS West Campus. Hardeman said cutting parking would be forced encouragement. Oldehoeft said Brian Johnson, city engineer, usually comes up with routes and that this is probably one of his tasks. Hardeman said the first thing the school needs is bike racks. Colburn wanted something to hand out with routes for how to get to school. Novak mentioned a national Safe Routes to School Webinar. Markle suggested a bicycle give-a-way. Champion asked if this was part of our overall plan. Oldehoeft said Chad Bunger and Brian Johnson might be able to work this out internally. Oldehoeft said the biggest problem with the high school location is the terrain. Champion said Poyntz is wide enough for a bike lane. Hardeman said Sunset is workable. Oldehoeft suggested Share the Road signs westbound on Poyntz and south on Sunset.

Champion recommended discussing possible projects. Oldehoeft mentioned that elections will take place at the November meeting. Oldehoeft suggested recommending a full time Bicycle Coordinator Position to City Commission. The BAC should continue to ask for what the Bicycle Plan has outlined.

3. Cyclist/Driver Education

Novak asked if the driver's ed. video would work. Hardeman discussed education as promotion. Hardeman relayed Colburn's idea for press releases about Share the Road signs to get message out. Champion suggested a collaborative project among bike groups to create an instructional youtube video. Oldehoeft suggested organized bike rides. Champion mentioned Bike Week and Bike to Work

Day. Oldehoeft recommended focusing on education during January and February to prepare people for Bike Week. Hardeman suggested editorials in local newspapers, saying that Colburn wants to focus on education especially for college students. Hardeman mentioned that education will be a constant process to improve awareness through repeated messages. Hardeman asked how to be part of K-State orientation. Champion mentioned campus groups such as Bike Club, and Students for Environmental Action. Oldehoeft mentioned weekly group rides organized by Big Poppi's to build a community of cyclists. Oldehoeft suggested placing educational information at bike racks. Scott suggested developing an educational device to be placed on handlebars. Hardeman mentioned that motorists need to be educated as well. Oldehoeft said that it is all about awareness and control. Scott suggested creating a library of educational resources. Oldehoeft said a resources page will be added to the Bike Manhattan webpage.

Next month:

Budget Discussions

Officer Elections

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.