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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
December 9, 2009

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

Members Absent: Dave Colburn

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

Public Attendance: 2

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

1. Scott moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Staff Reports

Bicycle Coordinator Report

Mckennan discussed possible options for National Bike Month in May 2010. Planning for a Bike Week or Bike to Work Day should start in January of 2010. McKennan solicited ideas and input from the BAC. Novak mentioned Karen Hansen at Hy-vee as a possible resource. Novak said Hansen is promoting physical fitness in January. Hardeman suggested Bike Week be listed as an official agenda item for the January 2010 meeting. Gibbs mentioned possible resources for promotional materials and the question about coordinating with schools was brought up. Ott said the first step was a proclamation of Bike to Work Day on either May 4th or May 18th 2009. Hardeman expressed that the first year should focus on promotion and awareness, mentioning public service announcements as a tool. Ott suggested the possibility of Tuesday morning radio talks on K-MAN, and promotion through water bills. Scott asked when the appropriate time was to start looking for sponsors. It was decided to come back to these ideas as an official agenda item at next month's meeting.

City Engineer Report

Ott said Mill Pointe was the only new subdivision reviewed with all local streets and 2 cul-de-sacs. Infill Developments being reviewed include Williamsburg which will extend sidewalk on the eastside of Browning and include curb & gutter. Bicycle Rack locations were being discussed for the Sunset Zoo Education Facility. W. Anderson Avenue has no major changes. The sidewalk is still included in the plan and the design process is continuing forward. A grant through K-DOT will provide a traffic signal at the intersection of Kimball & Candlewood. These funds will be available in 2011. Ott said the existing

pedestrian light may be moved to Knox & Allen. Construction on US-24 & Marlatt will be shut down for the winter. South Fourth Street sidewalks will be constructed through the winter. Ott mentioned presentations he gave to KSU Groups (ITE & Master Planning Class). Hardeman asked about the Kimball & Candlewood shopping center. Ott said the driveway may be converted and the Candlewood median may be moved to the east.

3. Update on South Downtown Redevelopment (HWS Consulting)

Chuck Barlett said 4th Street development was pushed forward to take advantage of the bidding climate. There were no changes with Fairfield Inn. Barlett said 3rd Street would serve as the main bike/ped corridor. Warren Theater pulled out of the project so Lot 9 is no longer well defined and options will be kept open. Barlett mentioned bike/hike path connectivity to the depot. The hotel has a raised table designed for pedestrian/bike connectivity, and the 3rd street intersection is also raised.

Possible way finding locations were mentioned at the south end of the park as well as 3rd and Colorado St. Bike Racks were located at the Discovery Center, on Colorado St, the parking garage, and the hotel. Champion questioned the placement of bike racks with respect to building entrances. Champion made the point that most cyclists will bike to the entrance and then look for the nearest bike rack. Because of their mobility, bikes are able to park more places, and possibly in undesirable places. It was also noted that bike racks were not included in the park. Champion suggested designing in terms of expandability and being able to place more bike racks in the future as demand grows.

Barlett asked whether both bike lockers and bike racks were necessary. Champion and Hardeman responded that yes, even bike racks inside the garage and outside would be beneficial. Novak made the point that there should be parking at the open space, especially if it is intended for entertainment events.

Ott recommended designating Pierre St. as a bicycle route up to 4th street. Champion expressed concerns that Pierre should not substitute Poyntz as a primary east-west route. Champion recommended possibly striping bike lanes along Poyntz. Ott said designation of Pierre street was not intended to replace Poyntz as a bicycle route. Hardeman supported Pierre being designated. Novak mentioned that traffic along Poyntz will increase with the new development. Novak asked if parking along Pierre was necessary and that shoulders were still important. Champion suggested that separate paths would be ideal due to the speed discrepancy between motorists and cyclists. Ott said a lane width change would be considered. Hardeman suggested keeping eyes open for lane width changes that could be discussed at a future meeting. Champion said that hilly areas should be priorities for lane width changes. Ott said that a traffic study of Anderson and Casement & Hays will be conducted in the spring of 2010.

Champion asked if the way-finding signs would be just for the redevelopment area. Barlett responded saying that the scope was yet to be defined. Champion asked if businesses would consider partnering with a bike rental program for tourism. Hardeman said recreation should be considered in addition to shopping. Ideas included riverfront trails and linear trail access. It was mentioned that there was no way for pedestrians to cross Ft. Riley to the Linear Trail and that 5th St/Temple Ln was the only pedestrian access. A motion was made for City Administration to draft a memorandum to the City Commission on the South Redevelopment District.

4. Work Session: Potential capital projects and funding sources

Hardeman said he would like to forward the BAC's position on a permanent Bicycle Coordinator Position. Ott agreed that a Bicycle Coordinator Position should be a priority. Hardeman will draft a memo to bring for review to the January 2009 meeting.

Next Month:

Decide position on Casement

Discuss Bike Month Plans

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.