



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
February 10, 2010

Members Present: Dan Scott, Richard Markle, Brian Hardeman, Ben Champion, Brian Johnson, Julie Gibbs, Joseph Edmunds

Members Absent: Dave Colburn, Diane Novak

Staff Present: Victoria McKennan, Bicycle Coordinator; Rob Ott, City Engineer

Public Attendance: 11

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. A motion was made to approve the January minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Change of meeting time

Champion suggested revising bylaws to more generic language in case meeting times needed to be changed in the future. Markle moved to change the bylaws to state a once a month regular meeting time. Champion seconded the motion. All present voted to change the meeting time to the 4th Wednesday of every month and the next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2010.

3. Bicycle Coordinator Report-Discussion of KDHE Grant

Gibbs announced that KDHE had \$2500 to go towards the built environment, but not education. Gibbs said ideas were welcome that encouraged more bicycle use. McKennan shared idea of installing "sharrow" markings on appropriate bike routes. Ott said that there had been a number of citizen requests for connectivity on Knox Lane, and the City was waiting on transportation enhancement grants. The project would cost about \$90,000 to finish. Gibbs said the money had to be spent by the end of June. Hardeman suggested a smaller project and noted the need for signage or marking of bike routes. Champion said the sharrows might be more visible than signage. Hardeman agreed they would be useful to mark appropriate bike routes where there cannot be bike lanes. Johnson suggested using the money for improving trail conditions near Wildcat Creek. Ott said that \$2500 would not be much help. Markle asked what the price comparison was between signs and sharrows. Signs are more economical, but sharrows help indicate where cyclists should be in the road. Champion suggested starting on campus. Ott said signs cost about \$100 each, and that sharrows may cost less than \$300. Ott said they are probably a thermo-plastic product that will last up to five years. Gibbs mentioned that many people have trouble accessing Linear Trail and that maybe wayfinding signs would be helpful.

4. City Engineer Report

Ott announced that Westport Commons added 3 bike racks. The City is in the process of coming up with standards to incorporate bike racks into new construction projects. Ott said the South end Redevelopment project will go before the City Commission on February 16, and the plan includes suggestions from the BAC. Linear Trail will be temporarily closed due to Project 16. Bike Lanes are currently included in the drawing for intersection improvements at Denison and Kimball.

5. Review Recommendation Memos

Champion said he would like to see a final "catch all" bullet in the Bicycle Coordinator Personnel Request form. Ott said the CIP recommendations would be submitted for the 2011 budget.

6. Discussion of Bike Month

McKenna reviewed Bike Month plans and ideas. Champion said the new FHAB Club could be very helpful with events such as Bike Month and future projects. Ott explained that Hardeman and McKenna would be present for the proclamation of bike month at the City Commission meeting. Ott said He and McKenna will be on KMAN with Kathy Dawes on April 5th to promote bike week. Hardeman suggested getting on the air before then as well. Hardeman said promotion should be the main priority this year. Champion encouraged the involvement of the new bike club. Champion emphasized that companies will care about public image and competitions are a strong tool. Hardeman suggested that the committee focus on National Bike Month and then turn attention to education in August.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2010