



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
February 24, 2010

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

Members Absent: 0

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

Public Attendance: 2

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

1. A motion was made to approve the February 10 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Bicycle Coordinator Report

McKenna shared updates on Bike Week plans. She discussed prices for promotional costs, saying that most of the budget would go towards printing and advertisements. Prizes and food would require donations from sponsors. McKenna discussed the bike week logo contest and updates to the Bike Manhattan website.

3. City Engineer Report

Ott said bylaws with the meeting change were on the agenda for the March 23rd City Commission agenda.

Ott updated the committee on the status of the Share the Road signs from a 2009 KDHE grant. A field review will begin in 30-45 days. Ott said he would bring a map with the sign locations to the next BAC meeting.

Ott explained that a drainage problem will require a detention pond on Jardine to be enhanced. Ott said that because a stormwater pipe needs to be installed on Hartford, he plans to take advantage of the opportunity to include a 6-8 ft. trail from Jardine to Clafflin. The project will go before City Commission on March 9th. Ott asked for comments from the BAC. Committee members and Commissioner Bruce Snead voiced support for the project. Hardeman asked if future maintenance will be on the property owners and asked if a formal position was needed from the Committee. Ott said that yes maintenance will be the responsibility of property owners and said that some people are already opposed to the project.

Westport Commons was approved with a sidewalk from Browning to Dickens. A meeting to discuss West Anderson is coming up. A consultant was chosen for the Dension-Kimball intersection. Ott said the plan included a bike path on N. Denison with a transition to bike lanes.

4. KDHE Grant- \$2500

Champion mentioned purchasing bicycle racks on buses after a presentation from Ann Smith. The racks would cost about \$500 each. There were concerns about the uncertainty of a fixed-route bus system. Commissioner Bruce Snead said that a transit plan update needs to happen. There is potential for a pilot project, but it will be uncertain until May. The June deadline for spending funds makes this option problematic. Ott supported purchasing signage for linear trail. About 12-15 signs seemed necessary at approximately \$100 each. The sharrow idea was revisited, and the idea of purchasing a stencil was mentioned. Ott preferred the signs because of their PR message, one-time installation, and 10-year lifespan. Ott said that thermo-plastic road markings were more durable. Hardeman suggested recommending sharrows as a continuously funded budget item.

5. Discussion of Bike Month

Josh Hunsucker, member of the FHAB Club steering committee presented ideas for Bike Week. Hunsucker suggested starting on Sunday and continuing events through Saturday. Commissioner Bruce Snead supported the Sunday afternoon kick-off ride to get families involved. Champion suggested meeting at a central point and having different options for loop rides that would meet up again at the end. Maps would be passed out to people with routes included. Bike to work/school day was supported on Friday to focus on two book-end events.

Champion suggested reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce and the K-State Provost. Ott said he would contact Lyle Butler.

6. Discussion of joint work-session with the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board

Champion mentioned that more interaction with the Planning Board was necessary after a conversation with board member Stephanie Rolley. McKennan said she see if there was any interest in a joint work-session.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2010