



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502
July 28, 2010

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

Members Absent: Julie Gibbs

Staff Present: Rob Ott, City Engineer; Peter Clark, Design Engineer

Public Attendance: 2

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m on June 23, 2010

1. Dave Colburn moved to Approval of May Meeting Minutes, Ben Champion second the motion.

The minutes were approved by vote of seven to zero in favor.

2. Discussion of the City Staff Report

City Engineer updated the committee on the status of construction at US-24 & Marlatt for the pedestrian tunnel and the sidewalk along the south side of Marlatt Avenue east of US-24 to Casement Road.

Peter Clark, City Design Engineer updated the group on the status of the expenditures for the KDHE grant for posts, signs and bicycle racks. The posts and signs will be used to delineate where various trail heads are located in the community. Bicycle racks have been identified for the downtown Poyntz District. Staff has been working with Gina Scroggs of DMI for the location of these bike racks. The City has on order the necessary amount to fully use \$3,500 of the KDHE grant.

3. Amherst Neighborhood Connection

Various Board members made the following comments on the Amherst Neighborhood re-connection discussion:

- Discussed the status and timing of Wreath Avenue and connection to Anderson Avenue.
- Discussed Amherst Avenue, striping of bike lanes and possibly the construction of sidewalk. History was shared by various members about attempts and efforts on both issues. Overall the neighborhood and city commission has declined to move forward with either item.

- Warner Park was discussed about how to perhaps get a connection from Amherst to Warner Park and then improvements in Warner Park to provide connection to Seth Child Road.
- The group discussed at length and learned a little bit about the history of lack of connection Annenberg Park from the east. Currently the trail when coming from the east turn north and dead ends near the Fire Station near the Wreath Intersection. The committee members continue express strong desires to provide wider multi-use path connection to Annenberg Park. The group learned that one particular property owner was strongly against the trail being placed across his property. The same property owner still retains ownership a large tract of land that would continue to block the connection.

Overall the discussion was very good by the committee members, more maps showing property lines will be needed to continue this discussion about how to provide connection to Amherst neighborhood for pedestrian and bicyclists to be connected to linear trail. The committee expressed interest in continuing the discussion on this topic at the next BAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Next meeting: July 28, 2010