



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
November 17, 2010

- Members Present:** Brian Hardeman, Ben Champion, Joe Edmunds, Diane Novak, Dan Scott, Brian Johnson, Michael Wesch
- Members Absent:** Dave Colburn, Susanne Kufahl
- Staff Present:** Rob Ott, City Engineer; Peter Clark, Design Engineer; Victoria McKennan, Bicycle Planning Intern;
- Public Attendance:** 2

Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. on November 17, 2010

1. Approval of October meeting minutes

Champion moved to approve the October Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

2. McCall Presentation; Chuck Bartlett, Benesch

Chuck Bartlett presented the design for McCall improvements and solicited feedback from the committee. Bartlett explained that an overpass over Tuttle Creek Boulevard would be very expensive in order to be ADA compliant, whereas a tunnel underneath would result in water issues and storm drainage problems. A pedestrian signal was included in the plan. Bartlett asked whether the included multi-use path was the right idea. Hardeman explained that while some cyclists might prefer to ride in traffic, the multi-use path would serve other cyclists and pedestrians. The question of bike lanes was brought up, however most discussion favored a bike path for this area. Bartlett explained that the next phase would include a Linear Trail connection and Ott said there was a good chance of getting funding for that portion. Bartlett solicited the committee's opinion on screening. There was discussion about the pros and cons of including vegetation screening. Benefits included aesthetic value, and increased attractiveness for pedestrians. However, the issue of safety was brought up as there was discussion about the possibility for cyclists to be hidden when merging with traffic. Bartlett asked about including brick sidewalks, but the general consensus was that they would be inappropriate for a multi-use path. There will be a public meeting at the Senior Center on January 11th and a presentation to the governing body by the 25th so that the plans will be submitted to K-DOT by March 2011.

3. Election of Officers

Novak nominated Ben Champion for Chair. Champion declined. Champion nominated new committee member Michael Wesch for Vice Chair. Wesch accepted. There was a motion to accept Hardeman as Chair and Wesch as Vice Chair. The committee unanimously accepted.

4. Staff Reports

Victoria McKennan presented proposed Share the Road sign locations. The committee discussed the need for more signs along Dickens to serve campus as well as on College to College Heights. The committee discussed moving some proposed locations along Pierre to Dickens, especially going uphill. McKennan updated the committee on initial plans for Bike Week 2011. McKennan will meet with other K-State Students within the next month to present more solid plans in January 2011.

5. CIP Recommendations

The committee reviewed project ideas from 2009 and discussed requests for the upcoming budget. Ott mentioned that the KDHE grant that the committee has been awarded for the past couple of years will no longer be available. Ott suggested including a request for \$2500 for bike parking facilities and \$2000 for signage in order to keep the momentum going. Miller Parkway was discussed as well as Knox Lane to connect NE park to Casement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Next meeting: December 22, 2010