



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
August 20th, 2013

Members Present: Ben Champion, Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Patrick McLaughlin, Katy Vaughan, David Schafer

Members Absent: Dave Colburn, Michael Wesch, Seth Scobee

Staff Present: Peter Clark, Traffic Engineer

Public Attendance: 5

B. Champion called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. on August 20, 2013

B. Champion added Lucas Shivers, USD 383 to the agenda. L. Shivers explained he is looking to work with the City on Safe Routes to School and other opportunities for collaboration. He asked to have the BAC and staff look at our calendars for dates of events that might lead to collaboration with USD 383. L. Shivers also wants involvement from the BAC and biking community in Physical Education and other parts of the student curriculum. B. Champion mentioned Bike Month, May 2014, as potential events for collaboration. P. Clark committed to working with L. Shivers on Bike and Pedestrian issues in and around the schools.

B. Champion asked Diane Novak to discuss a number of items from the agenda. D. Novak first discussed the Transportation Summit in Emporia, KS, held by the Kansas Governor, Sam Brownback and the Secretary of Transportation, Mike King. D. Novak was looking to see if any of the BAC was planning on attending. D. Novak also discussed the Sunflower Trails grants, mentioning the potential rail-to-trail project on the old Rock Island rail line southeast of Manhattan, south of the Kansas River and north of K-18. Joe Edmunds indicated that he knows the property owners in this area who now own the abandoned railroad right of way and stated that having approached them in the past, they expressed their dislike of the project. Dave Schafer stated that he is not sure of the benefit to the landowners and thinks that it would be difficult to get them to donate land. B. Champion Thought that projects such as these could help Manhattan become a regional player in a larger northeast Kansas trail system.

B. Champion reported working with the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, Stephanie Watts, to find ways for bike and ped interests to be represented in the Long Range Transportation Plan. B. Champion

indicates that there is potential for forming a bike/ped subcommittee to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). D. Novak requested P. Clark distribute an article on how to work with MPO's to the BAC.

Staff Reports:

1. P. Clark reported on the status of the 2013 Bike Boulevard project. P. Clark indicated that all of the signs and sharrows for the bike boulevards are in place and all that is left is the bike lane on 11th Street and the bulb-out at Fremont & N. Manhattan. Dan Scott was present to express his displeasure in the placement of the sharrows, indicating that they were not placed according to the criteria outlined in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2009 Edition. P. Clark explained the reasoning behind the placement based on the factors of the street that were taken into account. Brian Hardeman also indicated that he did not agree with the placement. Direction was given to P. Clark to place the sharrows on the pavement according to the criteria from the MUTCD for all future phases of the Bike Boulevard Project. B. Champion indicates that he would like the subject of the sharrow placement to be made a future agenda discussion item.
2. P. Clark reported on the status of the bike promotional video project undertaken by former bike coordinator Danielle Vaughn. The video footage has been shot and is ready for editing, but D. Vaughn was not able to finish the editing for a complete set of promotional videos to be used on the City website. P. Clark is soliciting individuals or groups with skills in video editing to take on the project. B. Champion recommended asking Mike Wesche for feedback on who might be best suited to take this on.
3. P. Clark announced the return of Joey Lightner as the next Bike Coordinator for the City. he will re-assume his duties beginning August 27th.
4. P. Clark reported that the Comprehensive Plan Update project is in the consultant interview and selection process. Once a consultant has been selected, a scope and fee will be negotiated with the firm and work should begin on the update in the early fall. At some point it is anticipated that the selected project team will meet with the BAC to discuss the items in the Comp Plan that need address to meet the needs of the BAC. J. Lightner will be working closely with the team to ensure items from the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Bicycling are implemented in the Comp Plan Update.
5. P. Clark informed the BAC of the Casement Road Bridge project that will be including bike/ped features into the bridge design and the roadway improvements. Discussion was had whether the sidewalk along the west side should be 6 foot or 8 foot wide. The current design indicates a 6 foot sidewalk.

BAC members expressed a desire for this to be an 8 foot path to serve as the first phase in a larger multi-use path along the corridor. P. Clark agreed to pass this information on to the designers. B. Champion also added that the bike/ped tunnel that connects to this project on the west has wetness issues from groundwater seeping over the trail and is causing an issue, along with poor connectability from the roadway down to the trail.

Other:

1. Jared Tremblay brought the SOBI bike share program to the attention of the BAC as a viable bike share program that does not require large infrastructure investments to implement. J. Tremblay expressed his admiration of the SOBI program in other communities around the US and feels it would be a great fit for Manhattan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2013.