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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room
515 11th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502
August 15th, 2014

Members Present: Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman , Jeff Koenig, Katy Oestman & Seth Scobee

Members Absent: Michael Wesch, Dave Colburn & David Schafer

Staff Present: Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst; Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner

Public Attendance: 4

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Edmunds moved to approve the July 2014 minutes. B. Hardeman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary King's Visit

B. Hardeman reported on the Secretary's visit to Manhattan. He said the overall tone of the meeting was productive. Residents raised concerns that need to be addressed and staff represented areas that were more organizational in nature.

Hutchinson Visit

J. Lightner reported on the visit of stakeholders from Hutchinson. He stated that city staff and the present Bicycle Advisory Committee members did an excellent job of highlighting the benefits to the community, issues, and lessons learned from becoming a bike-friendly community. He suggested that communication with other communities could be integral to the overall bikeability of Kansas. Future direction could include hosting a larger group of individuals interested in bikeability.

Long-Range Planning

The Committee discussed several projects related to biking in Manhattan. Staff suggested that progress continue on the Old Blue River Trail. K. Oestman suggested building a sidewalk on Griffith to connect the neighborhood to Northview Elementary. Additionally, a crossing needs be constructed to get children across in a safe manner. Staff also suggested improving the east side access to linear trail from Anneburg Park. Staff will develop a list of projects and work with the Committee to develop a priority for implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Next Meeting: September 19th, 2014.