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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room
515 11th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502
November 21st, 2014

- Members Present:** Joe Edmunds, Seth Scobee, David Schafer, Jeff Koenig, Michael Wesch, Brian Hardeman, Dave Colburn
- Members Absent:** Cydney Alexis, Katy Oestman
- Staff Present:** Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst; Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician
- Public Attendance:** 4

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Edmunds moved to approve the October 2014 minutes. D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously; D. Schafer and S. Scoobee absent.

Manhattan Area Transportation Strategy Update

B. Hardeman and M. Wesch reported on the MATS update. They stated that the document seems to focus on bikeability and walkability in detail. Additionally, transit was a central theme to the document. D. Colburn stated that the last time the MATS was updated, it suggested a bike coordinator and advisory board for active transportation issues. M. Wesch suggested that pedestrians have not been as central to planning as necessary and that more resources should be devoted to sidewalk gaps. J. Lightner stated that the current draft of the document has major holes that should be focused on. Specifically, there seems to be no real planning or policy involved in the document. He stated that there seems to be a disconnect between what the citizens and staff are advocating for and what the consultant wants to write.

Annual Report

The committee reviewed the annual report. J. Edmunds moved to send the report to the City Manager's Office and City Commission with edits. D. Colburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Healthy Communities

J. Lightner reported on the Healthy Communities Initiative meeting in Garden City on February 3rd, 2015. He stated that two staff will attend this meeting and requested that one member of the BAC attend.

Bike Month

J. Lightner reported that the city and city staff do not have the resources to coordinate and plan Bike Month 2015. M. Wesch suggested that we recruit an individual from the community who would be interested. He suggested that the Aggieville Business Association Intern might fill this role. The committee was charged with finding an individual who might be interested and having them come to the next BAC meeting.

City Park Renovations

The committee discussed the changes to City Park. The major concern was a potential trail to connect North Manhattan Avenue with South Manhattan Avenue through City Park. Members of the BAC and city staff have coordinated their concerns with members of Parks and Recreation to help resolve the issue. Their major goal was to ensure that the functionality of the park remains accessible for children and families. They will be reported at the December BAC meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Update

L. Evans reported on the Comprehensive Plan update. He stated that there is a public meeting on Wednesday, November 19th at city Hall. BAC members are encouraged to attend to leave feedback. Additionally, anyone can give feedback at www.manhattanarea2035.com.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Next Meeting: December 19th, 2014.