

**MINUTES**  
**Manhattan Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
City Commission Room  
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502  
March 18, 2016

- Members Present:** Brent Chamberlain, Joe Edmunds, Jessica Fiscus, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman, Jeff Koenig, Seth Scobee, Michael Wesch
- Members Absent:** Dave Colburn, Stephanie Watts
- Staff Present:** Tim Kellams, Intern Park Planner; Doug May, Planner—Current; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst & Staff Liaison to BPAC
- Public Attendance:** 2

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

J. Edmunds moved to approve the February 2016 minutes, A. Inman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**City Commission Strategic Plan Work Session**

J. Tremblay reviewed his presentation to the City Commission Work Session on March 8, and thanked D. Colburn and J. Koenig for speaking publicly at the meeting. The commissioners had some questions about bicycle safety and education, but overall sounded supportive of the strategic plan.

**Staff Reports**

J. Tremblay noted that Cydney Alexis has resigned from the committee, and staff is working to arrange her replacement. He then updated the committee on the following projects:

- West Anderson project went to the Commission and they decided to omit the Cumberland Trail, but include the HAWK signals and 8' path along the south side of Anderson. Green infrastructure along the path will not be included with the road project but will be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation department. The trail over the Wildcat Creek bridge will be considered as a future, separate project to be funded from other sources.

- J. Tremblay mentioned that for future project recommendations, the committee may want to push the bicycle agenda and recommend an ideal infrastructure option instead of attempting to reach a design and budget compromise. The committee then discussed at length budget, recommendation, design, and protocol considerations. B. Chamberland requested the committee specify the full project design with path setback, trees, etc. B. Hardeman noted that the committee recommends, not decides, and does not pick specific elements of a project. He also noted the importance of public support. A. Inman remarked on the issue of different project elements coming from different budgets. J. Koenig

mentioned that the public could request a meeting with engineering staff, and/or invite speakers to other commission meetings. B. Hardeman reminded the committee of the 8 year project timeline and how the elements have changed over the years. It may be fruitful to present the project as a whole, and ask for a green buffer with every project. M. Wesch asked about making a presentation to the Public Works department about the benefits of green infrastructure. J. Tremblay said he would set up a meeting between committee members and Public Works staff.

- The new City Park path does have new shade trees planted nearby, and will have direct access to the pool parking lot. Five bike racks will be added near the pool.

- Knox Trail is still in design, and should be completed by early 2017.

- A volunteer project on Pecan Circle is scheduled for May 7 at 2 p.m., during Bike Month. Sharrows will be placed to help clarify the Linear Trail route along Pecan Circle.

E. Rearick updated the committee on the following projects:

- Bike Month planning continues.

- E. Rearick mentioned her recent trip to Portland, Oregon and southern California. She mentioned that a significant difference between bike infrastructure in those cities and Manhattan is the amount and type of signage. There were many more bicycle-related street signs that described where cyclists should and should not ride, which helped to validate to all road users that cyclists belonged on the road. J. Koenig asked about implementing “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs in Manhattan. E. Rearick responded that the Public Works department is not receptive to using the signs at this time, but staff will continue to request them.

### **Public Comments**

Jane Gibson commented that she lives near City Park and bikes and walks there often. She noted that cyclists on the City Park path are not using proper passing etiquette, failing to say “passing on your left,” which has led to some close calls. She also noted that drivers of cars in Manhattan often fail to signal which can be dangerous for cyclists on the road. She requested that the committee work to educate the public about these matters. She suggested that City staff implement an education campaign regarding passing etiquette using signs around City Park, similar to those used last summer for the Johnny Kaw events. The committee sounded supportive of the project, and J. Fiscus mentioned that she may have funding available for signs. Staff will communicate with the Parks and Recreation department about the feasibility of a sign campaign.

### **Review of Officer Election Timeline**

E. Rearick noted that officer elections should occur annually in November, according to the committee bylaws. According to the minutes, the last officer election took place in December 2012. Committee members agreed to schedule an election for the April meeting and requested a list of current member terms.

M. Wesch adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting: April 15, 2016**