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Manhattan Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
September 16, 2016

Members Present: Paul Benne, Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman

Members Absent: Brent Chamberlain, Jessica Fiscus, Jeff Koenig, Seth Scobee, Jared Tremblay

Staff Present: Brett Bolf, Intern Park Planner; Ben Chmiel, Long-Range Planner; Gayle Donaldson, Communications Specialist; Jay Guarneri, Infrastructure Analyst; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner

Public Attendance: 0

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

J. Edmunds moved to approve the August 2016 minutes, D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bike Lane Paint Maintenance

E. Rearick asked the committee what they had observed about bike lane paint conditions around the city. B. Hardeman reported that he thought the paint on Miller Parkway seemed okay; P. Benne clarified that the paint further up the road was in poor condition. D. Colburn said he had noticed unpainted crosswalks and asked if they could be painted. J. Guarneri noted that the sales tax item on the ballot in November could increase the funding for things like paint striping. B. Hardeman stated that perhaps the committee needed to advocate for bike lane and pedestrian crosswalk painting by sending a letter to the Public Works department.

Staff Reports

J. Guarneri reported on the following projects:

- The bicycle wayfinding signs are being installed, starting with Triangle Park and City Park.
- Staff is planning the number and placement of bike route signs along the bike routes specified in the five-year plan.

E. Rearick reported on the following projects:

- The MPO's annual Bicycle and Pedestrian count is complete. MPO and City Staff are still reviewing certain intersections using camera footage captured by the Intelligent Transportation System. She noted that many cyclists on the west side of the K-State campus ride on sidewalks and streets interchangeably as they make their way to and from campus.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Bike Lane and Sidewalk Obstruction

J. Guarneri shared that City Staff had received many citizen complaints recently about cars parking in the contraflow bike lane in Aggieville and on neighborhood sidewalks. He asked the committee how best to educate drivers not to park their cars in these places. B. Hardeman noted that if cars park on sidewalks in his neighborhood the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) is quick to ticket drivers. Other committee members agreed that signs in general seem to have a minimal impact on behavior. J. Guarneri added that City Staff were considering making physical changes to the contraflow lane, including installing larger parking blocks. B. Hardeman suggested talking with RCPD about enforcement. A. Inman and J. Edmunds recommended using flexible poles on top of the parking blocks to further separate parked cars from the bike lane.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2016