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Manhattan Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
October 21, 2016

Members Present: Paul Benne, Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Jonathan Eden, Joe Edmunds, Jessica Fiscus, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman, Jeff Koenig, Jared Tremblay

Members Absent: Seth Scobee

Staff Present: Ben Chmiel, Long-Range Planner; Jay Guarneri, Infrastructure Analyst; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Public Attendance: 0

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

Staff Reports

J. Guarneri welcomed new committee member, Jonathan Eden.

He then reported on the following:

- The City is looking to hire a Traffic Engineer and is currently taking applications.
- Public Works staff has strategized ways to route more projects through the committee
- A Safe Routes to School stakeholder meeting took place in late September. J. Tremblay added that since then, he has actively pursued integrating bicycle education within the USD 383 curriculum.

E. Rearick reported on the following:

- The wayfinding signs have been installed. J. Fiscus distributed a press release on Monday designed to educate the public about the signs and the partnership between the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition and the City.
- The committee received a letter from the public since they last met: six residents in the Bluemont School neighborhood expressed their concerns with speeding cars and pedestrian safety. Multiple committee members noted that there are no flashing school zone lights on Juliette Ave. E. Rearick shared that Public Works staff will schedule a neighborhood meeting to gather more information.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Election Timelines

The committee decided to adhere to the bylaws and scheduled officer elections for the next meeting, in November.

Annual Report Draft

J. Guarneri presented the committee's draft annual report to the City Commission. He asked the committee to reflect on the draft committee goals. B. Chamberlain suggested adding a goal to press for the immediate fulfillment of the City's bicycle master plan. B. Hardeman requested including the implementation of projects and priorities. A. Inman asked to add more pedestrian-related elements. B. Chamberlain and B. Hardeman agreed that the report could be used to communicate a wish list of bigger projects and priorities. Committee members also commented on formatting elements and recommended more pictures and bulleted lists.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Summary

J. Tremblay presented the results of the MPO's annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count. He noted the high percentage of Green Apple Bikes near campus. He compared cyclist behavior on roads with bikeways to those without: there seems to be more bikes on roads, instead of sidewalks, where there are bike lanes or boulevards. He showed the flows of people walking to and from the Kansas State University campus throughout the sampling periods.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

J. Guarneri announced that there are a number of CIP projects scheduled for the next few years that may impact cyclists and pedestrians. He received the committee's feedback on the following projects:

Claflin and Browning Traffic Signal

- Include a North-South pedestrian crossing
- Prioritize pedestrian and driver safety

Anderson Ave Turn Lane at North Manhattan Ave

- No impact on cyclists or pedestrians anticipated

17th and Poyntz Ave Traffic Signal Upgrade

- Add a crosswalk on the East side of the intersection
- Remember planned bike lane on Poyntz, West of 17th
- Too many turn lanes East Bound on Poyntz
- Add bulbout to Southeast corner to shorten crossing and narrow turn radius

5th Street and Huston Street Storm Sewer

- Create a sanctioned way to cross Poyntz on bicycle, connecting 5th street through the Courthouse Plaza
- Replace sharrows after project

- Improve pedestrian lighting

Pedestrian Island on Poyntz Ave at 9th Grade Center

- Support for the project as designed

Amherst Ave Turn Lanes at Seth Child

- Improve access to the Linear Trail for residents of neighborhood West of Seth Child
- Add a pedestrian crossing on South side across Seth Child
- Improve the traffic signal timing: turn signal set up for rush hour, all day

Juliette Ave Brick Rehab

- Add bulb-outs to shorten crossings, especially near the elementary school
- Improve pedestrian lighting

Knox Lane Improvements

- Consider including pedestrian crossings

Casement Road Improvements

- Include a multi-use trail along the West side.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2016