

**MINUTES**  
**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
City Commission Room  
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502  
January 20, 2017

**Members Present:** Paul Benne, Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Karen Hawes, Adam Inman, Seth Scobee, Jared Tremblay

**Members Absent:** Brent Chamberlain, Jonathan Eden, Brian Hardeman

**Staff Present:** Brett Bolf, Intern Park Planner; Chad Bunger, Senior Current Planner; Ben Chmiel, Long-Range Planner; BJ Edmonston, Stormwater Engineer; Caroline Finck, Intern Park Planner; Jay Guarneri, Infrastructure Analyst and Staff Liaison; Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Mark Lee, Traffic Engineer; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner

**Public Attendance:** 0

D. Colburn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Citizen/Committee CIP Requests**

J. Guarneri reviewed the December CIP request discussion and listed the four projects the committee considered for recommendation:

- Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Westwood Road
- Scenic Drive sidewalk gap between Miller Parkway and Highland Ridge Drive
- Continue the multi-use path along Candlewood Drive from Gary Avenue to Kimball Avenue
- Build a pedestrian bridge along Casement Road, across the drainage ditch to the North of Brookmont Drive.

He noted that the goal is to choose a couple of projects to submit as a committee to the Capital Improvements Program Citizen Request process.

J. Tremblay stated a preference for the Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap, because he thought the planned Ledgestone Trail will provide a way for pedestrians to travel down the hill along Scenic Drive. Committee members asked for staff opinion. W. Thompson shared the Parks and Recreation perspective, saying that Casement is a significant gap in regards to completing the Linear Trail. B. Johnson added that pedestrian facilities were originally planned as part of Casement Phase II, but that project has been delayed until at least 2022. D. Colburn asked if a trail could be built along Casement Road that wouldn't interfere with the planned road widening. B. Johnson replied that

only the bridge abutments would be impacted. J. Tremblay asked whether the planned facility would be a multi-use trail or a sidewalk. W. Thompson replied that Parks would prefer a multi-use trail, but there isn't one to the north, so it is unclear whether it would make sense to install a multi-use trail. D. Colburn noted that even as an advanced cyclist, Casement is becoming less and less comfortable to bike on. W. Thompson clarified that the Parks strategic plan states that their funding should be spent on trails unassociated with roads. The committee then spent a few minutes discussing funding.

J. Edmunds asked how much of a trail along Casement would be torn up when the road is widened, and noted that anything built along Fort Riley Boulevard would likely stick around. Staff and committee members then discussed the challenges of designing a sidewalk along Fort Riley Boulevard and noted that any of these projects will be tricky.

D. Colburn shared that the Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap has been a problem since the beginning of the BPAC, and before. S. Scobee agreed that the Fort Riley Boulevard gap is a more dangerous site. J. Edmunds concurred that the obvious project is the Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap. D. Colburn stated that he was opposed to ranking projects and thought the committee should go all in on one project, and he agreed it should be the Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk.

J. Edmunds motioned to submit the Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap as a CIP project request, S. Scobee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Colburn requested to staff that they schedule a big picture review for a future meeting, including the overall direction of the bike and ped program and Parks and Rec priorities.

### **Staff Reports**

J. Guarneri reported on the following:

-He introduced Mark Lee, the new traffic engineer.

-The 2017 Bike Map will go to print in February.

-Staff is reviewing the Safe Routes to School project list in anticipation of the new sales tax funding source

J. Tremblay shared that KDOT will request grant applications for Transportation Alternatives Projects in 2017 and 2018.

E. Rearick reported on the following:

-Bike Month planning begins this month, and the first meeting is scheduled for January 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Public Library Groesbeck Room.

### **Public Comments**

D. Colburn took the opportunity to express gratitude for everything the bike and ped program has today, and specifically thanked the staff for their support.

### **McCall Crossing at Tuttle Creek Blvd**

B. Edmonston reviewed the Big Blue Phase V stormwater project, and noted that consultants submitted proposals for the project last week. The logical place for a pedestrian crossing across Tuttle Creek Boulevard at McCall Road is on the North side of the intersection. It will be a quick design process so there may not be many opportunities for back and forth with the committee. City staff including M. Lee, J. Guarneri, and E. Rearick will be involved and asked for feedback. B. Johnson added that the predominant movements at the intersection are south/east and west/north, so it will not be easy to introduce a crossing. J. Tremblay asked if it would be easier to put the crossing on the South side. B. Johnson replied that they would then need to add a signal to the South side. M. Lee added that signal timing could help. B. Chmiel asked how the trail connects to the West. B. Edmonston explained that the trail would connect to the sidewalk along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. S. Scobee, D. Colburn, and J. Edmonds all commented on the existing stormwater issues on the West side of Tuttle Creek Blvd. B. Edmonston answered that yes, there is a long-range plan to address flooding in that area. D. Colburn asked about the status of the Old Blue River Trail. W. Thompson shared that the permit plans need to be reviewed and then easements need to be acquired. The trail has been funded with CDBG and Sunflower Foundation grant dollars. He anticipates construction in 2017.

D. Colburn adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**Next Meeting: February 17, 2017**