

MINUTES
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
February 17, 2017

Members Present: Paul Benne, Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Jonathan Eden, Joe Edmunds, Karen Hawes, Adam Inman, Seth Scobee

Members Absent: Brian Hardeman, Jared Tremblay

Staff Present: John Adam, Senior Long-Range Planner; Chad Bunger, Assistant Director of Community Development; 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 9:05 a.m. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A. Inman moved to approve the January 2017 minutes, J. Edmunds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

J. Guarneri reported on the following:

- A project at the intersection of Claflin Rd and Denison Ave has gone to bid. The project includes some sidewalk and crosswalk improvements.
- The Old Blue River Trail is moving forward; staff is currently pursuing permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Sunset sidewalk Phase 1 has been completed.
- A sidewalk is being planned for Allison Ave, to be installed with the proposed Genesis development.
- As of next month, M. Lee will be the official staff liaison to the committee.

M. Lee reported on the following:

- Staff is working on design for the last stretch of the Sunset Ave sidewalk gap, between Montgomery Dr and Thackery St. They met with adjacent property owners to discuss design options.
- He is making a push for wider marked crosswalks throughout the city. The design for the Claflin Rd and Denison Ave intersection improvements includes 15-foot wide stamped concrete crosswalks.

E. Rearick reported on the following:

- The Fort Riley Boulevard sidewalk gap project was submitted on behalf of the committee as a citizen CIP request.
- The next scheduled Bike Month planning meeting is March 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Public Library Groesbeck Room.

-Trail closure signs have been printed and Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff plan to start using them. There have also been public trail closure notifications via email.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

Jorgensen Park Trail Update

W. Thompson presented to the committee about the design process for the Jorgensen Park trail. Jorgensen Park is adjacent to and west of Girl Scout Park, and a trail would serve as a connection from Anderson Ave south to the Linear Trail. He presented some trailhead concepts for Anderson Avenue. He shared that they had a well-attended neighborhood meeting about the concept, and have also presented it to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Next steps for the project include continuing the conversation with neighboring property owners, flagging possible trail routes, and considering solutions to drainage issues with the existing parking lot in Girl Scout Park. Committee members asked questions about the route of a planned trail through the open space of Girl Scout Park, the trail surface, how to create a safe crossing across Grandview Drive, and whether or not the trail would be on cemetery property. W. Thompson assured the committee that none of the trail would be within the cemetery fence, and recreational trail users would not actually be within the cemetery.

Overview of Bicycle & Pedestrian Activities

J. Guarneri gave a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian activities within the city to date, emphasizing the “five Es” including Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Encouragement, and Evaluation and Planning. B. Chamberlain asked if something could be put in place to reduce hectic car movements at the intersection of 17th Street and Anderson Ave. K. Hawes described a need for bike skills classes for adults in the community, and that the Essential Bikes program would like to be able to refer people to classes where adults could learn how to ride a bicycle.

March Meeting Date

E. Rearick shared that the March meeting date falls on the Friday before spring break and asked the committee whether enough members would be present for a quorum. After a brief discussion there was a general consensus that enough committee members should be present and the March 17 meeting date will stand.

W. Thompson added a request that committee members participate in the [Warner Park Survey](#).

D. Colburn adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2017