

**MINUTES**  
**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
City Commission Room  
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502  
July 21, 2017

**Members Present:** Paul Benne, Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Karen Hawes, Adam Inman, Jared Tremblay

**Members Absent:** Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Jonathan Eden, Julie Hettinger, Seth Scobee

**Staff Present:** Ben Chmiel, Long-Range Planner; Jay Guarneri, Infrastructure Analyst; Mark Lee, Traffic Engineer and Staff Liaison; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Annapurna Singh, Planning Intern

**Public Attendance:** 0

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

J. Edmunds moved to approve the June 2017 minutes, K. Hawes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

M. Lee reported on the following:

-Denison Ave should be paved with an asphalt overlay from Claflin Road south by the end of next week and striped shortly thereafter.

-A mixed-use subdivision has been proposed for a 120-acre lot on Miller Parkway. Miller Parkway has existing bike lanes that may be impacted by proposed left turn lanes at Arbor Drive and Amherst Ave. He asked for the committee's thoughts. Members noted existing visibility issues, questioned whether the anticipated traffic volume warrants left turn lanes, and recommended making sure that the street design does not isolate anyone and has pedestrian connections. They also asked whether a school would be built in the neighborhood to facilitate biking and walking to school and whether there would be access to the Linear Trail or trees planted along the roads.

E. Rearick reported on the following:

-She announced that this would be her last meeting. She is moving back to the East Coast and will miss working with the committee.

-Staff submitted grant applications for KDOT's Transportation Alternatives program: the Juliette Bricks Phase III project and next batch of Safe Routes to School projects. KDOT expects to conduct site visits from July to September and will announce awards in November.

-Benesch has been given the go-ahead to negotiate easements for the Safe Routes to School projects currently in design. Easements need to be acquired for the sidewalk along South 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Public Comments**

No one spoke.

### **Ogden Kids' Bike Swap**

K. Hawes handed out fliers and told the committee about the Ogden Community Center Children's Bike Swap scheduled for Saturday August 5, 2017 from 1-4 p.m. She shared that Mayor Reddi had asked her to hold a kids' bike swap in Ogden similar to the one held in Manhattan in May. There is no fee to swap a bike, and participants can drop off bikes weeks or days in advance to save time and give volunteers time to evaluate bikes before the swap. She noted that it is important to communicate that the event is not a "dump" but a swap, where participants need to bring in a functioning bike and not something pulled from a ditch. The swap will take place indoors, in the air conditioning, and approximately 30 bikes have been dropped off so far.

K. Hawes also handed out fliers and shared details about the Scout Ride scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017. The ride is a benefit for Sunflower CASA, will start and end at City Park, and have 25, 50, and 67-mile route options. The ride is designed to be family-friendly and meet badge requirements for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and 4-H.

K. Hawes is working with Marcia Rozell with the Manhattan CVB to make the ride a regional event where scouts can come to Manhattan for the day to earn their badge.

### **Regional Trail Connections**

J. Tremblay told the committee that the MPO is starting to work on a regional planning document for trail connections to destinations including lakes, state parks, and neighboring towns. He shared two maps: one showed current connections and one showed Strava data from recreational cyclists. He asked the committee if there were any connections they wanted to see. B. Hardeman asked if there was any plan to connect to rail trails. J. Tremblay replied that they would love to connect to Marysville and the Flint Hills Nature Trail in Council Grove. However, the connecting roads are state highways, which means acquiring right of way would be challenging. J. Guarneri said he would like to see a connection to Tuttle Creek State Park, and thought some land behind the new Links development on Marlatt Ave had potential. K. Hawes requested that at least a wayfinding sign be installed at Casement Road to help direct cyclists towards Tuttle Creek State Park along the existing roads. Committee members also discussed whether Military Trail Road or Zeandale Road was the preferred route to Wamego.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

**Next Meeting: August 18, 2017**