



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, May 12, 2014

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

777 E. Waterman, Building 200  
Wichita Transit Van Maintenance Facility  
Conference Room

<b>Members Present:</b> Jack Brown, Maxine Bostic, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Jerry Jones, George Theoharis, Jane Byrnes, Tom Lasater, Tyler Stutzman
<b>Members Absent:</b> Anna Mosher, Ryan Hollingshead
<b>City Staff:</b> Scott Wadle, MAPD
<b>Guests:</b> Chief Norman Williams, WPD; Captain Brian Hill, WPD; Mary Crowder; Janet Wiele

## MEETING NOTES

Item	Description
1.	Jack Brown, Chairperson, <b>called the meeting to order</b> and welcomed new board member, James Crowder, City staff and a member of the public.
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Tom Lasater moved [Tyler Stutzman] to <b>approve</b> the April 21, 2014 minutes. Motion <b>carried</b> .
3.	<p><b>Wichita Police Department - Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Safety:</b> The Chairperson welcome Chief Norman Williams and Captain Brian, Wichita Police Department, to the meeting. Chief Williams made a presentation about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Below are highlights from the presentation and following discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Williams stressed that all decisions within the Police Department are ‘data driven.’ He noted that there are three components to policing:</li> <li>• 1) education;</li> <li>• 2) information; and</li> <li>• 3) enforcement.</li> <li>• The Chief indicated that the Wichita Police Department has a strategic planning document known as the 2012-2016 Strategic Agenda and that it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one that the Department has prepared so far.</li> <li>• Chief Williams stressed the importance of co-existing on the public streets.</li> <li>• The Police Department Executive Committee had just approved multiple video announcements with educational information about street safety in Wichita.</li> <li>• There will be trainings for police officers on how to handle a bicycle on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The Police Department tracks crash data on crashes involving motor vehicles and pedestrians, and motor vehicles and bicyclists.</li> <li>• Police Department staff have the ability to drill down into the data to look for trends.</li> <li>• One of the goals of the Police Department is to focus on traffic safety in 2014.</li> <li>• The Police recruit class initially look at how to report and investigate accidents.</li> <li>• Captain Hill noted that he had been trained in bicycle safety matters, helped to</li> </ul>

	<p>reinvigorate the bicycle unit that exists today, and helped with 20 different trainings to get offers up to speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief emphasized that he welcomes input from the board members.</li> <li>• Chief Williams suggested that board members communicate with Captain Williams, directly, should there be questions or concerns.</li> <li>• What can people do to reduce bicycle theft? – The Chief suggested that it is important for individuals to be aware of their surroundings and to park their bicycles in well lit areas. If your bicycle is stolen, then file a police report. Take a photo of your bicycle and record the serial number.</li> <li>• Can the Police Department assist with implementing Strategy 13 in the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan? – The Chief indicated that the Police Department had just learned about the Bicycle Master Plan. Scott Wadle indicated that he (Wadle) took responsibility for the lack of knowledge about the plan. The Chief stated that he might need to sit down with field services to see if the recommended actions in Strategy 13 can be incorporated into the work plan.</li> </ul> <p>Related to the plan Strategy 13, Action 1, the Chief indicated that police officers already have discussion about when to provide a verbal warning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When asked about a pamphlet with information about bicycling and driving, the Chief recommended that Scott Wadle get with the City’s Communications Team to get the information into a format ready for public distribution.</li> <li>• Mr. Theoharis commented that based on his conversations with the District Attorney, the only bicycle infraction that is every prosecuted is for not having the required lights or reflectors at night. In response, the Police representatives pointed out that the District Attorney will only see those that are contested and that the infractions will not show up on your driver’s license.</li> <li>• The Chief suggested that members of the Board might want to get in touch with representatives from Davis Moore to inquire about the possibility of partnering with them to get educational information out to the general public.</li> <li>• In response to questions about pedestrian crashes, the Chief indicated that most motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians occur at night and suggested that it is important to walk towards traffic and to wear light colored clothing. The Chief also stressed the importance of not walking while distracted (texting, etc.).</li> <li>• After considerable discussion, the board members thanked Chief Williams and Captain Hill for their informative presentation.</li> <li>• Jerry and Jack indicated that they would like to see maps of crash data. Tyler indicated that he would like to see a map of aggressive driving reports.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Board Member Project Reports:</b> Maxine Bostic reported that the Redbud Path bids came in over budget. According to Maxine, the City will need to modify the proposal and/or seek additional funds in order to complete the Redbud Path project from the Canal Route to Oliver.</p>
5.	<p><b>Bikeway Prioritization Identification Exercise Update:</b> Scott Wadle, MAPD, provide board</p>

	<p>members with a summary of the prioritized bikeway projects from the April 21, 2014. According to Scott, there will be an ‘Open House’ on April 27, 2014, in City Hall, from 4:30-6:30 pm. During this Open House, citizens will be asked to provide their input on these identified bikeway projects. Scott encouraged board members to ‘spread the word’ and ask community stakeholders to attend this important meeting. Following the Open House, the input will be tallied and a report will be provided. The board will, in turn, analyze the report and make final recommendations to the Mayor, Manager and City Council.</p>
6.	<p><b>Bike Month Activities:</b> Barry Carroll explained that Bike Month is celebrated, nationwide, in May of each year. He provided the board members with a calendar of events for Bike Month and encouraged their participation.</p>
7.	<p><b>Closing Thoughts:</b> 1) <b>Bike Friendly City Application:</b> Scott noted that this item will be submitted to be on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council agenda. Once the City Council approves that the Bike Friendly Application can be submitted, Jerry Jones, Barry Carroll and other board members will secure letters of support that will be submitted with the official application. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted in July 2014. 2) <b>Master Pedestrian Plan Open House:</b> The Chairperson reported that approximately 45 citizens attended the open house and provided input. 3) <b>‘Walk to School’ Grant Funded:</b> Jane Byrnes reported that McCollum Elementary School personnel had submitted and were awarded a grant. A part-time coordinator will work with parents to schedule dates and times to walk children to school. The board commended Jane for her assistance with this grant application process as well.</p>
8.	<p><b>Public Comments:</b> Mary Crowder asked Chief Williams if crime and crash-related data could be provided to neighborhood associations. Mrs. Crowder stated that she would like to share this information via neighborhood newsletters. Chief Williams responded that the information can, in fact, be shared on an as-needed basis.</p>

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at **7:10 pm.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, **May 12, 2014 @5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Barry Carroll**  
Board Secretary  
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