



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, August 11, 2014

5:30 – 7 P.M.

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

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Maxine Bostic, Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Jerry Jones, George Theoharis, Tyler Stutzman
Members Absent: Tom Lasater
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD & Julianne Kallman, Senior Engineer
Guests: Tom Smith plus two children & Becky Robertson, District IV Applicant

Item	Time	Description
1.	5:30 pm	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed City staff and guests.
2.	5:35 pm	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: Jerry Jones moved [George Theoharis] to approve the July 14, 2014 meeting notes. Motion carried 7-0.
3.	5:45 pm	Board Member Project Reports: 1) Master Pedestrian Plan: DABs have considered and will be considered by the Wichita City Council [WCC] in the coming weeks; b) Mt. Vernon: the intersection at Oliver & Mt. Vernon is being reconstructed; bike lanes will be installed at a later date; c) Bicycle Friendly City Designation: an application with letters of support will be submitted in the summer of 2015 subject to WCC approval; d) Delano Bicycle Parking Plan-Phase II: the City Engineer will present this plan to the WCC; e) Redbud Trail: a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the newly installed cross walk at 13 th & Roosevelt Streets; f) Delano/River Vista Apartments: the WCC will consider a revised plan in September; g) Delano Brownfield Application: an intern will work on the application to be submitted; and h) Douglas Design District: the City's Design Council has recommended approval of the concept from Washington to Grove [there is no designated funding as yet].
4.	6:15 pm	Discussion of the Redbud Bike Path: Julianne Kallman, Senior Engineer, stated that she was pleased to be in attendance and that she was the project manager for the Redbud Trail. Ms. Kallman showed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the various amenities along the approximately two-mile multiuse path. According to Ms. Kallman, the first bids were over budget and new bids will be considered in September. If the bids are acceptable, construction could possibly take place this fall/winter! Following the presentation, there was a lively question and answer session. Maxine Bostic has been fielding several questions about lighting and safety concerns along the trail. Scott Wadle suggested that Maxine could ask citizens to contact him directly with their questions/concerns. Following the discussion, the board thanked Ms. Kallman for her informative presentation. Board members are very pleased with this project and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Manager and City Council for their ongoing financial support.

5.	7 pm	<p>Armour Bike Boulevard: Barry Carroll moved [Jerry Jones] to recommend approval of the City Engineer’s Plan as submitted to DAB II except for the portion along Woodlawn, between Rockhill Lane and 21st Street, and that the Bike Boulevard route should proceed in a northeasterly direction at and along Rockhill Lane and Bramblewood Street to 21st Street as proposed in the Master Bicycle Plan. The board also recommends that a ground controlled traffic signal be installed at the Bramblewood and 21st intersection as per the Master Bicycle Plan. Motion carried 6-1 [George Theoharis].</p> <p>In response to comments heard at the DAB II meeting, the board also recommends that <i>Armour between Douglas and 13th</i> be utilized as the Bicycle Boulevard route for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>that is the route recommended by the Bicycle Master Plan;</i> • <i>the route is already being used by bikers, runners and pedestrians;</i> • <i>the route best serves Price-Harris Elementary and St. Thomas Elementary and would encourage students to walk or ride their bikes to school;</i> • <i>congestion around the school would be only an hour in the morning and evening and not in the summers; most cycling and walking takes place in the evenings and on the weekends; and</i> • <i>there is an existing signal in close proximity to Central that would allow bikers and walkers to safely cross.</i> <p>This proposed route along Armour will be an excellent north/south bicycle boulevard to the citizens of Wichita and will connect to the Red Bud and Chisolm Creek/K-96 Trail systems.</p> <p>Barry Carroll moved [Maxine Bostic] to recommend approval of the following City Engineer’s project designs as presented to and approved by their respective District Advisory Boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1st and 2nd Street Bikeways</u> • <u>Market and Topeka Bikeways</u> • <u>Schweiter to WSU Bikeway</u> • <u>Sycamore Bikeway</u> • <u>Woodchuck Bike Boulevard</u> <p>Motion carried 7-0.</p> <p>Finally, the WBPAB is most appreciative of the City’s commitment to improve the infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians – of all ages. The board is sensitive to citizen input and believes our recommendations are reasonable based upon our comments above.</p>
6.	7:25 pm	<p>Closing Thoughts: Jack Brown, Chairperson, asked for comments from the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the WCC ‘Maintenance’ Letter: Jack Brown reported that the board’s letter regarding on and off-street maintenance issues had been forwarded and will be considered during budget discussions.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike/Ped Count: Barry Carroll stated that WAMPO will be conducting an official count in September and volunteers are needed. • Walktober: Jane Byrnes asked that this item be placed on next month’s agenda. • Board Vacancies: George Theoharis urged the board to advocate for the filling of the two vacant board positions [District IV and City Manager’s appointee]. George believes it is imperative to have a full board! • Project Tracking: Jack Brown encouraged members to continue to track their assigned projects. In addition, Jack suggested that a subcommittee be formed and meet, periodically with City staff, and then provide a summary to the full board. • Board Roster: Staff provided an updated roster. If a member’s term has expired, it is important to contact the Mayor’s Office and asked to be reappointed if desired.
7.	7:30 pm	<p>Public Comments: Jack Brown, Chairperson, asked if anyone wanted to address the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky Robertson, who lives in District IV, stated that she had completed and submitted an application to serve on the board. Board members thanked Ms. Robertson for her interest and encouraged staff to expedite her application. <p>There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Carroll,
WBPAB Secretary

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