



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, August 8, 2016

5:30 – 7 p.m.

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

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Barry Carroll, Russell Fox, Tom Lasater, Tyler Stutzman, Wendy Tan, George Theoharis
Members Absent: Melany Barnes, James Crowder, Jerry Jones
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD, Paul Gunzelman, Public Works, Jan Jarman, Law Department, Paul Gunzleman, Public Works
Guests: Lonny Wright, Alan Kailer & Bob Lavelle

Item	Description
1.	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, welcomed new board member, Wendy Tan, City staff and guests.
2.	Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.
3.	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: The board approved, by consensus, the July 11, 2016 meeting notes.
4.	HAWK Signal Designs: Paul Gunzelman showed a video recording of the HAWK signal at Ridge and Sedgwick County Park. The video was used to illustrate the typical use of the signal and the responsiveness of both cyclists and drivers. No recommendations for changes were made.
5.	Market & Topeka Bikeways Designs – Mt. Vernon to Pawnee: Paul Gunzelman showed a schematic of the proposed bikeways from Mt Vernon to Pawnee for review by the board. Following a brief discussion, the members concurred with the proposed design, which included marking the parking lanes and adding shared lane markings. The members were pleased that the bikeways are being extended southward. .
6.	9th Street Designs: 135 to Hillside: Paul Gunzelman showed illustrations of the designs approved by the City Council. Following a brief discussion, the members concurred with the proposed design. Tyler Stutzman suggested that improving the lighting should be discussed by staff
7.	Wichita Bicycle Ordinance Update - Bicycling Under the Influence: Jan Jarman from the Law Department presented a staff recommendation that the City of Wichita Municipal code be updated so that a driving under the influence (DUI) offence matches the State of Kansas and that a new Bicycling Under the Influence ordinance. She indicated that the City Municipal Code and the Kansas State statues regarding riding a bicycle under the influence of alcohol do not currently match due to recent changes by the State. Ms. Jarman indicated that staff is recommending an ordinance to make Bicycling Under the Influence against the law and a misdemeanor with up to a \$1,000 fine or up to six months in prison. This is recommended because it provides the judge the ability to order a person

	<p>to undertake probation and/or to pay restitution for damages. Ms. Jarman also indicated that the proposed ordinance requires that the person be considered a hazard in order to be a violation and that the proposed ordinance is similar to the ordinance making walking under the influence illegal.</p> <p>Below are highlights from the WBPAB discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A WBPAB member indicated that bicycling under the influence is not a big issue in the community, and cited past figures presented by the Law Department. The same member also suggested that a new ordinance is not needed due to other laws and regulations currently on the books. For example, it is illegal to crash into someone else and it is illegal to not obey traffic control devices while bicycling. The same WBPAB member also expressed a feeling that it will mostly apply to people who are homeless. • Another WBPAB member suggested that the penalties for multiple bicycling under the influence violations should result in increased punishments. It was proposed that a 4th clause should be added to the proposed ordinance to this effect. <p>Following considerable discussion, Tom Lasater moved [Russell Fox] to recommend to the City Council that the City amend the current DUI Ordinance and define the term ‘vehicle’ for the purpose of a DUI, to be the same as the State of Kansas’ definition of a vehicle. Motion carried 8-0.</p> <p>George Theoharis moved [Maxine Bostic] to approve to the recommend City Council approve the staff recommended ordinance change, and add additional and more and increased penalties for repeat offenders. Motion failed 3-4.</p> <p>Russell Fox moved [Barry Carroll] to recommend that the City Council approve the staff recommended ordinance as presented. Motion failed 2-5. Additional clarifying questions were asked and further discussion held. One focus of the discussion was whether the Wichita Police Department would utilize the proposed ordinance. Russell Fox moved [George Theoharis] to recommend that the City Council approve the staff recommended ordinance prohibiting bicycling under the influence as proposed by City staff. Motion carried 4-3. After action by the WBPAB, a member of the audience provided public comment – indicating that alcoholism is a disease and that additional penalties against bicycling under the influence will not stop the behavior and may not have the desired outcome. The individual emphasized the need for alcoholism treatment and proposed that the WBPAB should recommend that the proposed ordinance should include a clause that the City should provide alcoholism treatment for anyone that has multiple bicycling under the influence violations.</p>
8.	<p>Kansas Health Foundation Grant Application: Scott Wadle stated that the grant is for up to \$25,000 and the applications are due September 15, 2016. Scott suggested two proposals: 1) Neighborhood ‘Traffic Calming’ Applications; and 2) Public Bicycle Parking projects. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus that the bicycle parking project is the higher priority project to submit.</p>
9.	<p>Proposed ‘Bicycle Friendly City’ Application: Scott Wadle presented to the Board an updated Bicycle Friendly Community application. Barry Carroll moved [Tom Lasater] to recommend submitting a ‘Bicycle Friendly City’ application again this year. Motion carried 7-0.</p>

10.	WPAB Officers: According to the Bylaws, officers need to be elected each year. Tom Lasater moved [Tyler Stutzman] to elect the current officers for another term [Jack Brown, President, Jerry Jones, Vice President and Barry Carroll, Secretary]. Motion carried 7-0.
11.	Board Member Project Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barry Carroll reported that City continues with its ‘Street Safety Education Initiative.’ The City Council approved submitting an application for \$50,000 in order to implement the proposed bike/ped education campaign. In addition, staff will present a bike/ped educational module to the WPD in 2017.
12.	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Brown reported that he had forwarded the third annual report from the WPAB to the City Council. • Jack Brown stated that he will asked City staff to attend a future meeting to discuss the process for private companies locating utilities along bike/ped paths.
13.	Closing Thoughts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Theoharis stated that he would like to see the missed meeting threshold lowered for members on City advisory boards. Instead of having to miss six meetings to be expelled, George suggested lowering the number to three. Russell Fox agreed and suggested a four meeting threshold.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, **September 12**, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:30 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Carroll
WPAB Secretary