



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Minutes Amended

September 12, 2022

The Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board met in regular session.

*Indicates online

Board Members present: Alan Kailer, Marcia Schroeder, Jane Byrnes, Monte Shaw & Russell Fox

City Staff: Tia Raamot, Madelyn Orton*

Guests: Barry Carroll*, Kim Neufeld, Robert Parnacott*, Clayton Pearson, Lee Carmichael, Olivia Ortega*, and Mallory Baker*

1. **Call to order:** by Alan Kailer, Chair, at 5:30
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Marcia mentioned the discussion of the name change for the board too. Russell gave a summary last meeting of his meeting with the City Manager. Jane asked about the WPD traffic advisory group, the status of the KDOT Active Transportation Plan, and that Walk to School Day is 10/10/22.

Approval of previous meeting minutes. Marcia Schroeder noted that the spelling of McLean needed to be corrected. Monte Shaw moved to approve with that change, and Marcia Schroeder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comments**

None.

4. **Discussion Item**

- **Downtown Street Plan – Mallory Baker and Tia Raamot Presentation**

Jane asked if there potential to have the plan apply to county facilities as well? Tia responded that this is exclusively a city plan.

Dr. Russell Fox asked about Strategy 7, Does it make room to remove parking to make room for multimodal facilities. Tia said that yes, there is opportunity created through strategy 7 and the Bike Master Plan to replace oversupply of on street parking with other bike and ped infrastructure. She also said that outreach and public decision points would accompany any next step regarding implementation.

Jane Byrnes brought up street trees and the need for shade. Tia said that this plan is designed to provide a framework for curb management – what happens on the pavement. Not about how the surrounding right of way is designed. Strategy seven does suggest the importance of a comfortable multi modal system.

Monte Shaw was very surprised to learn, reading the report about the abundance of parking downtown. Mallory stated it is very common in many communities, where in aggregate there is a high parking supply, but concentrated in certain areas. People are not incentivized to walk or look for parking one block away. Another challenge they heard during community engagements. There is resistance to structured parking. Those are all factors that the plan is trying to mitigate.

Monte Shaw suggested that wayfinding, and signage should point to where parking is today. Mallory said 3 things should be addressed. 1. Trip planning before the trip (leverage technology). 2. On-the-ground signage and wayfinding (static or digital) to direct drivers. 3. Parking management tools – ease of use/payment.

Dr. Russell Fox mentioned that parking structures and parking meters are poorly placed. If people were not looking for the free parking, they may not bypass the parking structure which is obvious and convenient. He asked whether this resonated with the research that is out there. Mallory responded that the current situation in Wichita is that paid parking rates are low and it is not where the demand is. In other, effectively managed parking systems, elsewhere, studies show the priorities of consumers are looking for parking which is close, and it is easy to find. They do not shop for the cheapest parking space.

Jane Byrnes asked about 420 parking spaces at Multimodal Center. It will be added to the City's inventory of parking managed by the city. Tia responded that this plan includes a process for managing the parking system. As occupancy approaches 85%, the optimum occupancy, the plan outlines a process by which the city would make changes to ensure the system is operating effectively. First, we would examine implementing time limits to the asset, then we would adjust pricing. For example, if a system is 90% occupied, that might indicate the need for more enforcement or a rate change.

Clayton Pearson indicated there is a correlation between the multimodal system and the auto parking system. He will not bike to Delano at certain times because it is easier to park his car, than to find bike parking. He asked if parking were paying for itself in Wichita, would that provide opportunity to build a better multimodal

system, where bike parking would be available. Tia indicated that the parking system in Wichita is currently not making money. Decisions to defer maintenance and not increase pricing have created a situation where year to year the system is losing money. The hope is adoption and implementation of the processes in this plan would remedy this. The plan does acknowledge the inter-relationship between the multimodal system and parking system, and there may be such an opportunity in the future.

Tia Raamot question in general in the room, does the parking plan resonate with Wichita? Alan responded the strategies make sense. He would like to see clarification about the goals – for example is the goal to have the parking system pay for itself. Russell said the population is not growing.

Alan Kailer raised a point of confusion. On parking webpages, a similar plan was posted named 2020. The document posted does not say DRAFT. He asked if it was the same plan. Tia clarified that that plan was never adopted. This is the same plan. It was not adopted. COVID interrupted the planning process.

5. Board Governance

None

6. Staff Reports and Updates

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Board Comments

Lee Carmichael Amidon closure 9/19/22 Northbound, one week later both lanes. Jane part of sidewalks are right on the curb, very dangerous. Clayton May four lanes, August two lanes. Tia, build upon 2019 bike plan. Bike Master plan if you have certain wide space. Build for bike lanes. Bicycle parking will allow us to plan and fined money. Alan discusses sidewalks for next meeting. Monte, developers don't need to follow new guidelines. 5C yes to park with sidewalks and trails. Alan, would you make a recommendation, what should we do with this report? Jane, page two update sidewalk ordinance to include street trees. Subdivisions almost always have one tree in front yard. None on streets

Alan invited Dr. Russell Fox to present part 3 of Rethinking Wichita. The conference last October at Friends University. Laura Lombard, President of Kansas Global Trade Services, spoke on the topic of "working in Wichita" at the "Rethinking Wichita"

conference on October 28, 2021, at Friends University, which focused upon applying Chuck Marohn's ideas towards building a more sustainable urbanism in our city. (Her presentation, and others, including Marohn's, can be viewed here at [https://www.friends.edu/rethinking-wichita/.](https://www.friends.edu/rethinking-wichita/))

10. **Adjournment**

Alan Kailer proposed to adjourn the meeting, The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

The next meeting of the board will be held on **October 10, 2022 @5:30pm.**