



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, October 13, 2014

5:30 – 7 P.M.

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

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Melody Barnes, Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Amy Delamaide, Jerry Jones, George Theoharis,
Members Absent: Tom Lasater & Tyler Stutzman
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD, Alan King, Public Works, Larry Hoetmer, Parks Department
Guests: Bob Lavelle [Geezers]

Item	Description
1.	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed City staff and guests. The Chairperson introduced our new member Melody Barnes to the board.
2.	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: Maxine Bostic moved [Tyler Stutzman] to approve the September 8, 2014 meeting notes. Motion carried 9-0.
3.	Board Member Project Reports: 1) Mt. Vernon: the intersection at Oliver & Mt. Vernon is being reconstructed; bike lanes will be installed at a later date; 2) Bicycle Friendly City Designation: an application with letters of support will be submitted in the spring of 2015 subject to WCC approval; 3) Delano Bicycle Parking Plan-Phase II: was advertised for bids on October 3 rd ; 4) Redbud Trail: anticipate opening bids in November; 5) Delano/River Vista Apartments: the WCC considered a revised plan in September; 6) Delano Brownfield Application: the application was submitted and EPA will make an announcement in spring of 2015; 7) 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]; 8) First & Second Bikeways: will be advertised for bids in October; 9) Leagues of American Bicyclists [LAB] Visit: Barry reported that the visit went very well and Steve Clark, LAB staff member, was impressed with our community; 10) Multimodal Policy & Street Design Guidance: Amy agreed to track this project; and 11) Market & Topeka Bikeways will be advertised for bids in October
4.	Wichita Proposed Sales Tax Pavement Maintenance Improvements, and Bicycle and Pedestrian: Alan King, Director of Public Works and Utilities, gave the board a presentation on street maintenance related to the proposed City of Wichita sales tax initiative. According to Mr. King, improvements are being proposed for 111 'lane miles' of city streets. These streets were identified as being most in need of rehabilitation. Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session. Chair Brown asked Mr. King if the proposed street improvements could include bicycle markings and lanes where they overlapped with the Master Bicycle Plan. Mr. King mentioned that this could be considered and gave an example of adding sharrows in those instances. Jerry Jones followed up by asking what one could say to bike/walk advocates about this sales tax initiative. Mr. King stated that some of the proposed streets might overlap with streets identified within the Master Bike Plan. If so,

	<p>improvements could be coordinated and could benefit the bike/walk community. Jane Byrnes stated that many citizens simply walk in their neighborhoods and any improvements would be welcomed. Mr. King agreed to coordinate with Scott Wadle in an effort to identify what streets might overlap. A map, with an overlay, of proposed neighborhood street improvements will be developed and forwarded to board members. Jack Brown stated that is important to consider long-term maintenance with any new street project. The board members discussed whether a letter should be forwarded to the City Council to voice support for these proposed improvements. Since the election has not taken place, no action was taken. Following the presentation and discussion, board members thanked Mr. King for his informative presentation.</p>	
5.	<p>K-96 Path Improvements at Chisholm Creek Park: Larry Hoetmer, Landscape Architect, showed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the proposed improvements. According to Mr. Hoetmer, the grant is approximately \$1M and will help reconstruct the path from Oliver to Woodlawn and then construct a new path south into the entrance of the Great Plains Nature Center. The crumbling asphalt on the existing trail will be recycled and used for a base layer for the new concrete plan, according to Mr. Hoetmer. Jack Brown asked when construction would commence and how long would it take to complete. Mr. Hoetmer stated that construction on the Oliver to Woodlawn section would commence in April and end in July 2015. The board was very pleased to learn about this needed construction project. Board members commended for his good work in securing this grant for our biking/walking community.</p>	
6.	<p>Announcements: Jack Brown, Chairperson, asked for comments from the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walktober: Jane Byrnes provided members with handouts pertaining to Walktober and the ‘economic value of pedestrian infrastructure and amenities. Jane thanked everyone for their support and is hopeful that public health will be strengthened as a result of these initiatives. • 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. • Discussion of the Format of the Agenda: Barry Carroll asked that a discussion of the public agenda’s placement within the agenda be discussed during the October meeting. Barry expressed concerns that the public agenda is at the very bottom and several members of the public have left meetings without having an opportunity to comment. Comments on the public agenda should be limited to five minutes but could be extended by majority vote, according to Barry. George Theoharis moved [Barry Carroll] to reorder the agenda to reflect the following: 1) Call to Order; 2) Approval of the minutes; 3) Public Agenda; 4) Staff presentations; 5) Project Tracking; 6) Announcements; & 7) Closing comments. Motion carried 7-0. • Multimodal Policy & Street Guidance & Master Pedestrian Plan: Barry Carroll suggested that member provide input at upcoming MAPC and City Council meetings if possible. • Table Tents: George Theoharis ask staff to develop table tents with board names and districts [or who appointed them]. 	

7.		<p>Closing Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Retreat: Jack Brown suggested that a board retreat in November would be helpful since there are several new members. George Theoharis moved [Jerry Jones] to hold a staff retreat. Motion carried 7-0. Staff will send a 'Meeting Wizard' request with possible retreat dates.
8.		<p>Public Comments: There were no members of the public.</p>

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Carroll,
 WBPAB Secretary

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