

Lawrence Bicycle Advisory Committee

January 20, 2009 at 5:30 PM Public Works Conference Room Ground Floor, City Hall 6 E 6th Street, Lawrence, KS



Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Eric Struckhoff-Chair, Mark Desetti, Becky McClure, Michael Hajdu, Jay

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Members Absent: Neil Taylor

Staff Present: Todd Girdler, Bart Rudolph, Shoeb Uddin

Public Present: Scott Smith

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:38 pm.

2. Introductions, Assurance of Quorum: Quorum was assured.

- **3.** Approval of December 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes: Approval of the meeting minutes from December 16, 2008 was deferred to allow more time for committee review.
- **4. Discussion Item: Membership Discussion:** Bart Rudolph distributed copies of the official roster of the BAC as requested from December's meeting. Members reviewed it for accuracy and proposed changing Becky McClure's designation to "at-large" and adding the "KU" designation to Eric Struckhoff. Three terms are set to expire 12/31/09, (Desetti, Bishop, and Hajdu) but all are eligible for another term.

Mr. Rudolph announced that Gary Calton was appointed by the mayor to replace Stephanie Bishop. The appointment is scheduled to be approved by the City Commission at their 1/20/09 meeting.

5. Discussion Item: Bike Safety PSA Video: Scott Smith from Free State High School attended the meeting to discuss creating another PSA for Bicycle Safety Month in May. The committee suggested creating a 30 second and one minute clip aimed at cyclists. Potential topics to be covered would include general safety, proper clothing, lighting, rules of the road, bicycle facility definitions, and prohibited downtown sidewalk riding. Mr. Smith informed that the committee that a group of students just finished a video project and will be available to produce this PSA. The committee requested that the students present a story board with general ideas in March, have an initial copy to review in April, and have the final copy available in May.

Mr. Rudolph indicated that he will be in contact with the city's public affairs office and local television stations to arrange airing of the PSA.

6. Action Item: Bikeway System Map Approval: Mr. Rudolph announced that the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee did not approve the Bikeway System Map and suggested that the map be updated to include bicycle facilities on the future thoroughfares identified in

Transportation: 2030. Mr. Hajdu suggested adding a shared-use path that would cross diagonally across the future street network west of K-10. Mr. Desetti moved that those changes be made and the Bikeway System Map be approved as the official map recommended by the BAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Struckhoff and passed unanimously. The map will be sent to the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee again in February for approval.

- 7. Action Item: 2009 Comprehensive Street Maintenance Plan: Mr. Rudolph asked that the committee review the 2009 Comprehensive Street Maintenance Plan in relationship to the Bikeway System Map. The committee discussed the list of projects and determined that most were not along corridors identified in the Bikeway System Map. Mr. Struckhoff moved to approve the that the 2009 Comprehensive Street Maintenance Plan be approved with the recommendation that a future bike lane designation be added to the Bikeway System Map along 9th Street between Vermont Street and Rockledge Road so that if reconstruction was an option for the 9th Street sales tax project, accommodations for bike lanes would be included. He also moved that Naismith be striped with two traffic lanes and the outside lane be designated as a bike lane with the bike symbol, "sharrow," marking applied on/ in that lane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hajdu passed unanimously.
- 8. Discussion Item: 2009 Work Plan: Mr. Rudolph presented the committee with a draft outline to the Lawrence Douglas County Bicycle Plan. Mr. Rudolph asked that the committee review the mission statement and approve the draft outline as a template to begin the process of updating the Bicycle Plan. The committee agreed that the mission statement was effective and still relevant and that the draft outline was a good starting place to update the Bicycle Plan.

9. Quick Updates

- A. Shared-Use Path Signing and Right-of-Way: Mr. Rudolph announced that the BAC's proposal of adding pavement markings to the shared-use path crossings will be heard by the Traffic Safety Commission on February 2, 2009. Mr. Struckhoff mentioned he will be out of town and Mr. Desetti volunteered to attend the meeting with Mr. Rudolph.
- **B.** Lawrence Downtown Rotary Club Update: There was no update available regarding the Lawrence Downtown Rotary Club's inquiry about a signature project concerning bicycle related issues.
- **10.Other Business:** There was no other business. The next meeting will be February 17, 2009.
- **11. Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

