

City of Lawrence

Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee February 15, 2011 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bialek, Chris Burger, Lisa Hallberg, Rhonda Houser,
Tom Jerome, Tyler Longpine
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerard Arantowicz, Neil Taylor, Gary Calton
STAFF PRESENT: Todd Girdler, Jessica Mortinger
PUBLIC PRESENT: Dickie Heckler

1. Call Meeting to Order and Assurance of Quorum.

Tyler Longpine called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the January 18th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 18th meeting was moved by Lisa Hallberg seconded by Jay Bialek and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Item: Bicycle Rideability Map Distribution Plan

Jessica Mortinger checked the list of distribution locations to verify where members had distributed maps. Ms. Mortinger asked BAC members to keep an eye out on locations they distributed to, to ensure they maintained an adequate supply of maps. Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC that more distribution points would be listed on the website informing the public where they could find a map after members verified they had distributed them.

4. Discussion Item: 2011 Bike Month

Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC of the previous staff activities that have surrounded Bike Month including: posters, proclamations, bike safety information in utility inserts and attendance at local events. Todd Girdler indicated that staff could draft a proclamation by the next BAC meeting for the group to review. Mr. Longpine asked who the Bike to Work Day organizer had been in previous years. Mr. Bialek indicated that Becky McClure had organized previous Bike to Work Days. Ms. Hallberg indicated a partnership or possible programming with KU would be a great way to draw support for this program. She indicated she would speak with KU Human Resources. Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC that a representative for the KU Environs emailed her recently with some general information about a possible bicycle event on campus this spring. Mr. Longpine indicated that he would contact KU Environs to find out more information about their planned event. MPO staff will work on collecting information for the May Bike Month Poster update. Mr. Longpine directed members to complete their commitments before the next meeting to allow for continued discussion.

5. Discussion Item: 2011 Events:

Ms. Mortinger shared the compiled list of events in Douglas County, the events include: Baldwin City Bicycle Fair, Eudora Bicycle Rodeo and Community Fair, Lawrence Bike Fair, Lawrence Community Bike Ride, Border Raiders Ride, Historic Gravel Road Ride, Tour of Lawrence, Tour Under the Skillet, Octoginta. BAC members added the following events to the list: Lawrence Mountain Bicycle Club Fall Ride and MS150 (possibility Lawrence May Host KC MS 150 in 2011). Ms. Mortinger discussed the opportunity for the BAC to set up a table to solicit input about expanding the Bikeway System Map to the County and other bicycle planning topics. BAC

members agreed the Bike Fairs and some of the events would provide a great opportunity for making the BAC more visible to the public. Ms. Hallberg suggested a BAC table at the Earth Day Parade (in April). The BAC members agreed this would be a good way to make the group more public and solicit information from people through an informal survey. Ms. Mortinger indicated she would create a master list of all the events and any additional information members emailed to her to distribute to the group.

6. Discussion Item: Difficult Intersections Identified

Mr. Bunger asked the members to discuss difficult intersections identified on the Bicycle Rideability Map and any other areas they find difficult for cyclists. The BAC was asked to discuss opportunities for improving these difficult connections. Mr. Longpine expressed the desire to explore ways that Lawrence can help bicyclists and motorists navigate these areas of difficult interactions. The BAC members discussed a few examples of areas where these pinch points and areas of difficult maneuvering were present. Members discussed how opportunities for reconstructing these areas might not be possible and asked if there are examples of successful signage programs to make these areas more visible. Mr. Longpine asked for volunteers to chair a subcommittee to determine these areas of focus and report back to the BAC with more specifics. Mr. Bunger volunteered to chair the subcommittee. Ms. Hallberg and Mr. Longpine agreed to join the effort to create a list of areas to explore opportunities to improve connections for bicyclists.

7. Other Business

Ms. Mortinger had three additional items of other business.

- The local Run Lawrence Club is seeking support for their application to Run Friendly Communities; this award is similar to the Bicycle Friendly Communities. The BAC unanimously agreed to support Run Lawrence's application and asked them to draft a letter of support for the BAC Chair and Vice Chair to sign.
- The Kansas House was assigned House Bill HB2174, a bill to develop a 3-foot passing space law to separate cars and bicycles sharing the road. BAC members were encouraged to provide input as they felt necessary at the state level to improve the safety of cyclists throughout the state.
- The City Commission will be viewing the BAC recommended ordinance changes to Ordinance 17-114 and 17-702 on Tuesday, February 22. Ms. Mortinger indicated she would email the materials to the BAC members and asked for a member of the BAC to be present to respond to questions or discussion that may arise.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.