

City of Lawrence

Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee

January 18, 2011 Minutes

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

1. Call Meeting to Order, Assurance of Quorum and Introductions.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made by all members, including three new members.

2. Approval of the November 16th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 16th meeting was moved by Ms. Hallberg, seconded by Mr. Taylor and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and Action Item: Kasold 2011 Street Maintenance Program

Mr. Uddin requested to continue the discussion from the previous November meeting about one of the projects on the streets maintenance program. Kasold between 6th Street and Peterson Road is scheduled for a mill and overlay. Mr. Ubbin had previously noted that indicated sharrows are a planned improvement for this roadway. However, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) does not recommend placing sharrows on roadways where the speed exceeds 35 mph. Bike lanes are not an option on this section of roadway because the roadway is not being expanded with this project. Ms. Hallberg asked if the road was currently a designated bike route. The 2009 Bikeway System Map indicates that this portion of Kasold is a signed bike route. The BAC discussed the options for facilities on this section of Kasold. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to recall the previous recommendation for sharrows and recommend a survey of existing bike route signage and adjust and improve those signs if necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burger and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Mortinger announced the need per the BAC bylaws of the committee to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to service a one year term. The responsibilities of the Chair include: presiding at all meetings of the Committee, represent the Committee at City and County Commission meetings and serving as the BAC representative to the L-DC MPO's Technical Advisory Committee or having authority to appoint a representative. The responsibilities of the Vice-Chair include presiding at Committee meetings and representing the Committee at City and County Commission meetings in the absence of the Chair. The BAC briefly discussed this issue and then a nomination was made to elect Mr. Longpine as Chair and Ms. Hallberg as Vice Chair. These nominations were accepted by Mr. Longpine and Ms. Hallberg, and the BAC elected these new officers for 2011 on a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion Item: Bicycle Parking in Downtown Lawrence Inventory

Ms. Mortinger presented a revised draft copy of the Bicycle Parking in Downtown Lawrence Inventory. The BAC had a discussion about the intent of the inventory and the discussion and recommendations made within the report. Members discussed the feasibility and possible locations of future short and long term bicycle parking. Mr. Ed Samp, a member of the Lawrence Central Rotary Club (LCRC), was present and explained the LCRC bicycle initiative; their main focus has been on artfully designed bicycle parking racks designed and installed, throughout the city in partnerships with local business. The committee was in general consensus that there was a need for more bicycle parking in the locations where individuals currently use trees to lock their bicycles and more oval rings on meter poles are not combined with lighting elements. Members discussed long term bicycle parking options in the existing parking garages and in the new Library garage, in addition to landscape space near existing buildings or parking lots downtown. These additional comments will be reflected in changes in the Inventory before it is sent to the L-DC MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). A motion was made by Mr. Burger and seconded by Mr. Longpine for MPO staff to reflect these comments in the inventory and send it onto TAC and MPO Policy Board at their next meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Bicycle Rideability Map Distribution Plan

Ms. Mortinger shared the newly printed Bicycle Rideability Map with the BAC and presented a draft distribution list for discussion. BAC members added additional locations to distribute the map and signed up to help distribute the maps.

7. 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. She asked BAC members to compile a list of activities that will be occurring during May 2011 for the February BAC meeting.

8. Discussion Item: Complete Streets Activities following the Complete Streets Workshop: Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC of Complete Streets as the topic of the February mid month planning commission meeting. The event is public and BAC members will receive a copy of the agenda when it is sent out next week.

9. Discussion Item: 2011 Events: Ms. Mortinger asked BAC members to compile a list of known bicycle events in Douglas County and ways the BAC can participate to discuss at the February BAC meeting.

10. Other Business

- Mr. Jerome asked the BAC to consider its expansion to the county in 2010 and take time in 2011 to consider improving the Bikeway Systems Map and future bicycle facility planning to all cities in the county.
- Ms Hallberg noted that she attended KanBikeWalk's 2010 Annual Meeting

11. Adjournment of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Hallberg, seconded by Mr. Burger and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.