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Lawrence-Douglas County
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
City Hall, 6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66044-0708



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Re: Development of Public Infrastructure and Site Planning for the Proposed Rock Chalk Park

Dear Mayor Schumm and City Commissioners:

The Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) would like to express its desires for the development of public infrastructure and site planning for the proposed Rock Chalk Park. While many of the plans are preliminary at this date, the BAC wanted to share some general desires about the planned infrastructure.

The BAC understands the importance of multimodal transportation in Lawrence and strives to support local government commitments to create multimodal infrastructure and particularly the development of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Many different types of people in our region use our area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and they desire to have a transportation system that is supportive of healthy and active transportation choices. The BAC supports efforts to create a complete transportation system for Douglas County, and we believe that the following list of desired improvements will help in that effort.

1. All bicycle infrastructure built to AASHTO standards for the public improvement plans and for the site specific development area (i.e., on-site and nearby off-site locations and connections all need to be designed as part of the transportation system).
2. Infrastructure to connect the Shared Use Path on George Williams Way to the existing South Lawrence Trafficway Shared Use Path through the Rock Chalk Park site needs to be built with this project.
3. Clear internal on-site facilities that connect the existing bikeways in the public rights-of-ways to the on-site bicycle parking areas need to be a part of this development's design (i.e., clearly defined AASHTO standard bikeway links from the on-site bike parking areas to the nearby bikeway network).
4. Infrastructure for bicyclists to connect the Indoor Aquatic Center and State High School to the proposed Rock Chalk Park site needs to be planned and designed and built when the RCP is built if possible, and if not planned for construction soon after the RCP opens.
5. Covered and long-term bicycle parking facilities (i.e., lockers or cages and not simply a few bike racks) need to be installed on the proposed Rock Chalk Park site.

We hope that we do not miss this significant opportunity to improve the multimodal network of Lawrence streets and demonstrate our commitment to accommodating all modes of transportation in this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hallberg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Hallberg, BAC Chair
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