

City of Lawrence

Transportation Commission

March 6, 2017 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Storm, Jeff Severin, Kathryn Schartz, Mark Hurt, Steve Evans, Erin Paden, Ron May, John Ziegelmeyer, Michelle Dillon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Bryan, David Hamby

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
David Cronin, Public Works Department
Zach Baker, Public Works Department
Nicholas C. Voss, Public Works Department
Charles Soules, Public Works Director
Jessica Mortinger, MPO Douglas County
Steve Lashley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Almon, Katy Clagett, Kurt Look, Kris Kaase, Jeff Long

A complete video recording of the meeting is available on the City's website at <https://lawrenceks.org/boards/transportation-commission/>

The meeting was called to order by Chris Storm at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

[Approve of February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes](#)

The title of the minutes need to be corrected to "Transportation Commission"

[Moved, and second,](#) to approve minutes with the noted correction. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 2:

[Approve of Transportation Commission By-laws](#)

Staff Discussion: David Cronin, Staff met with Commissioner Bryan, Storm, and Paden. The proposed changes from this meeting are in red.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Discussion: Michael Almon stated that Section 5.3 should reflect the same wording as Section 4.6 with the revision: The Commission Secretary 'in consultation with the chair' shall create and distribute an agenda for each Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Severin, second by Commissioner Dillon, to approve by-laws with said correction to Section 5.3; The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Downtown Bike Corral Public Hearing

Staff Presentation: Jessica Mortinger. This is a carryover issue from the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) in 2015. BAC was awarded \$8,900 dollars from the Douglas County Community Foundation for bicycle parking downtown. The grant had a remaining balance that allowed for the additional purchase of 15 bike racks and bollards. The BAC recommended the installation of two additional bike corrals at the request of the Red Lyon Tavern and the Granada. Today provides a public hearing opportunity.

Commission Discussion: How much does an installation cost? Jessica stated that fifteen bike racks cost \$1,800 and four delineators cost about \$170. These are installed by city staff. Are there any maintenance costs for the bike parking? Jessica stated that there was but that the installations could be relocated if needed.

Public Discussion: John Hornberg stated that the public library had a failed bike parking plan. This proposal to put in bike parking is not a good idea. It is a violation of the three fundamental principles of bike parking design. John urged the commission to consider that cars could get loose in bike parking areas.

Michael Almon stated that he has encouraged bicycle parking. He does not think that the city should take on funding for bicycle parking.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans asked about how the locations were selected. Jessica Mortinger presented data on bike parking used to assess the demand. In addition guidance was received by the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Erin Paden asked about downtown parking requirements for new development. Jessica Mortinger replied that downtown development does not always require parking and that bike parking requirements are tied to vehicle parking requirements.

Moved, and second, to approve proposed locations for bike corrals. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request for 14th Street Cul-de-sac Painting

Staff presentation: Dave Cronin presented history on the intersection painting at 10th and New Jersey. The new proposed location is the 14th Street Cul-de-sac next to Burroughs Creek Rail Trail. City staff supports this location.

Katie Clagett and Katlyn Fisher presented on the proposed Cul-de-sac painting. The location was selected because of access to East Lawrence through the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail, and the low amount of traffic. Brook Creek neighborhood was consulted in the proposed design. June 3rd is the proposed painting day.

Commission Discussion: Who is painting it, what paint, who is cleaning, how does the guy next door feel? Katlyn Fisher responded that it would be the community and that all were welcome. They are currently looking at different paint types. Katie discussed how the cleaning process would work. The neighbor suggested the location and is super jazzed. Other residents have been engaged. The hope is that it will be repainted every two years.

Moved, and second, to approve the 14th Street Cul-de-sac painting. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Crescent Road Traffic Calming Recommendation

Staff Presentation: David Woosley stated that in 2011 traffic calming was approved for Naismith and Crescent Road. When maintenance occurs on a street traffic calming is included in the project. The intersection of Crescent and Naismith will be rebuild this summer. In November a neighborhood meeting was held with four different options presented to the public. The one that was the most popular at the meeting has been installed with temporary devices. Traffic data was collected before and after the installations. The traffic data was presented.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans asked about option D and pedestrian circulation. David Woosley went over the design options and how the pedestrians would be able to use the proposed center island and should be an improvement over what is currently in place. Chris Storm asked about the traffic calming ranking. David Woosley stated that it was part of the traffic calming area in the traffic calming ranking.

Public Comments: Michael Almon stated that he liked the proposal including the safety and design for bicycles and pedestrians.

Sidney Upton spoke in favor of option 4 (D). She has noticed traffic has been greatly reduced.

Kurt Look spoke in favor of the proposed project. He stated that the intersection worked a lot better and is now more clear to motorists.

Kris Caase spoke in favor of the proposed project. Pedestrian safety along Crescent Road and at the intersection has been improved.

Mike O'Connell from the group that owns Jayhawk Bookstore spoke in favor of option 4 (D).

Commission Discussion: Mark Hurt asked about an increase in traffic along other streets. Dave Cronin said that some residents along Stratford had sent in correspondence that stated that traffic had increased, but that the traffic counts had shown that it was not greatly affected.

[Moved, and second](#), to approve option D at Crescent Road Traffic Calming. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

[2017 Traffic Calming Recommendation](#)

Staff Presentation: David Woosley presented information on proposed 2017 Traffic Calming projects. In 2016 traffic calming was funded and funding continued in 2017. The projects have been taken back the neighborhoods to select traffic calming options and locations.

Public Comments: Jeff Long stated that he was opposed to traffic calming because the roads are for everyone and money could be spent on other items. He stated that the person making a traffic calming request should have to live in the vicinity of the request. He spoke in favor of neighborhood contributions to traffic calming. He spoke opposed to the Aitchison traffic calming.

Michael Almon stated that all projects were fine and that he was in favor of all traffic calming because they provide more safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. He stated that speed humps and speed cushions had limitations and provided other speed control options. He spoke in favor of using horizontal changes to slow traffic.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans discussed the administration of the projects and that is was difficult to get 70% within 300 feet because property owners can be difficult to reach. The impact area should be considered in the vote.

[Moved, and second](#), to approve the 2017 Traffic Calming Recommendation. The motion carried, 9-0

ITEM NO. 7:

[Appoint Transportation Commissioner to serve on the Lawrence-Douglas County 2040 steering committee](#)

Staff Presentation: Jessica Mortinger presented information on what the 2040 Steering Committee commitments are and how the develop a 2040 transportation plan.

Commission Discussion: Chris Storm asked about 6 meetings and if additional open houses will be held. Jessica Mortinger stated that staff will be able to staff open houses and it will not be a

requirement of the position. Steve Evans asked about what the role of the MPO is. Jessica Mortinger stated that they are looking for someone to review staff items and provide input to insure that all issues are appropriately addressed. Mark Hurt and Erin Paden both showed interest in the position. Jessica Mortinger suggested that they serve as co-representatives.

Moved, and second, to appoint Mark Hurt and Erin Paden to the Transportation 2040 steering committee. The motion carried, 9-0

ITEM NO. 8:

Calendar

- a. Next Meeting Monday April 3, 2017 6:00 PM
- b. Pavement Maintenance Program tour dates
- c. Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar Series
<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/webinars>

ITEM NO. 9:

General Public Comment: Michael Almon requested that minutes be more comprehensive.

David Cronin recognized David Woosley who is retiring with 44 years of service and 24 years of service at the City of Lawrence

Moved, and second, to adjourn at 7:52. The motion carried, 9-0.