



Lawrence/Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2006

Fire Station Number 5, Conference Room
1911 Stewart Ave., Lawrence, KS

Members Present: Eric Struckhoff, Rich Barr, Mark Desetti, Becky McClure
Others Present: Kelsy Marr, David Woosley

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Assurance of Quorum:** Quorum was assured
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the March 21st, 2005 meeting was approved as submitted.
- 4. Discussion Item: Topeka City Council Update**
Clark Coan was unable to attend the meeting to give a specific update on the Topeka trails. Eric Struckhoff briefed committee that 8 miles of the trail have been completed from Barryton to Topeka. He anticipates a connection near Clinton Lake.
- 5. Discussion Item: Bike lanes on Naismith Road**
David Woosley attended meeting to inform committee of the project status. Currently, Mayor Amyx is in opposition of the bike lanes and will review it further at the June 6th commission meeting. Woosley stated that Naismith can handle one lane of traffic. The peak hour flow of traffic is roughly 500 cars/hour. This year, the northbound lanes are the only ones being constructed. Many people opposed to the bike lanes are concerned for game day events on campus and feel it would cause additional congestion. Woosley doesn't feel it's a good idea to design roadways around game day events. He recommended having several cyclists attend the June 6th commission meeting to give public comment.
- 6. Discussion Item: Bicycle Safety Month**
Kelsy Marr reminded BAC of bike safety and proclamation at tonight's commission meeting. Rich Barr informed the committee that the Lawrence/Douglas County Fire & Medical gave away roughly 400 helmets at the giveaway.
- 7. Discussion Item: Folk's Road Update**
Desetti asked Woosley why the City put two traffic calming devices on Folk's Road. Desetti feels the speed cushion is a hazard and is concerned for the safety of bicyclists. Woosley informed the committee that the devices were put in at the neighborhoods request, staff did not recommend it. After talking with the residents on Folk's Road, they want to keep both calming devices. Woosley recommended adding pavements markings to the cushion to reduce the hazard.
- 8. Discussion Item: Farmer's Turnpike**
Eric Struckhoff wants to recommend to the county commission to connect the bike trail up by the turnpike area. Mark Desetti also commented on a stretch of bike path that connects asphalt and concrete. It is a hazard for cyclists, and he considers it equivalent to a speed hump. He asked staff to look into milling the asphalt down.

9. Discussion Item: Parks & Recreation Map Review

Eric Struckhoff asked the committee to look over the parks & rec map to see if any changes needed to be made. Further discussion will be at next month's meeting.

10. Other Business

Kelsy Marr informed the committee that the City of Lawrence's TE grant application for Burrough's Creek has been denied.

Mark Desetti moved to have Eric Struckhoff draft a letter to the governor's office regarding the Rail-Trail Bill that was passed through Legislature.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Next meeting: June 20th, 2006 at 5:15 PM, Fire Station #5