



City of Lawrence  
Douglas County  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

## Lawrence Bicycle Advisory Committee

May 19, 2009 at 5:30 PM  
Public Works Conference Room  
Ground Floor, City Hall  
6 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS

### Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Eric Struckhoff-Chair, Gary Calton, Becky McClure

**Members Absent:** Jay Bialek, Mark Desetti, Michael Hajdu, Neil Taylor

**Staff Present:** Todd Girdler, Bart Rudolph

**Public Present:** Dana Atwood-Blaine, Ryan Bowman, Erin Garity, Lauren James, Diana Matthews, Scott Klopfenstein, Berkley Jones, Lucas Culbertson, Ferdouz Cochran, Matthew D. Perll, Cara Haas, Dr. Cornelis (Kees) van der Veen

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order and Assurance of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:39 pm and a quorum was not present.

#### 2. Approval of April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes from April 21, 2009 were deferred due to lack of quorum.

#### 3. Discussion Item: Downtown Bicycle Parking:

Students from the University of Kansas gave a presentation to the BAC regarding a project they were working on for a course entitled "State of the Planet," which dealt with issues related to climate change. The students decided to choose a project that could reduce their carbon footprint and have an impact in their community. The goal of their project was to discover the problems with bicycling in Lawrence and suggest low-cost solutions for improving the safety and convenience of bicyclists. The students created a wiki to organize their work and discussed a variety of issues with the Committee including what's currently being done in Lawrence, observed obstacles in bicycling in Lawrence, bicycle parking, connectivity, and the benefits of bicycling. The group also made several recommendations. Some of the recommendations are listed below:

- Reduce choke points along bicycle routes (i.e. remove or limit the number of traffic claiming pedestrian cross-walks and center medians).
- Replace faded pavement markings and use more color.
- Paint bicycle parking facilities bright colors and encourage creative designs for those facilities.
- Consider bicycle parking branding.
- Encourage businesses to place bicycle parking in visible and functional locations near the entrance.
- Increase connectivity between different modes of transportation (encourage bicycling with transit).
- Make the bike map available at transit locations.
- Educate the public about bicycle parking.
- Increase safety at shared use path intersections (install pedestrian/cycling crosswalks)

- Identify key routes that go north/south and east/west and produce maps that clearly mark key bicycle facilities
- Ensure connectivity among the bicycle routes
- Use pavement markings rather than (or in addition to) signage to identify bike routes

The Committee answered questions from the students and discussed their recommendations. Mr. Struckhoff mentioned that generally their suggestions are in-line with several of the goals that the BAC works to accomplish and thanked the students for their hard work. Several students volunteered to help with future bicycle planning activities. Mr. Rudolph indicated that he would follow up with the students as opportunities arise.

#### **4. Discussion Item: Bicycle Safety PSA Video:**

Mr. Rudolph indicated that he had received three PSAs from students at Free State High School. Seniors Austin Cuenca and Ethan Jantz, and sophomore, Eric Studley, created and produced the PSAs in their Film II class, instructed by Scott Smith. Mr. Rudolph showed all three videos to the BAC and explained that the City's Communication Manger approved the online posting of one of the videos. That video is now available online at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/psa/helmet-safety>.

Mr. Struckhoff suggested that the BAC look at additional options for producing a PSA that is more on point with the message that the BAC wants to convey. Mr. Rudolph added that Mr. Smith thanked the committee for allowing his class to produce the PSAs and noted that he would like to make this an annual project for his class. The committee discussed that there is no harm in allowing the class to produce PSAs annually, but the BAC would like to explore other options and have the opportunity to provide more direction to the students during the development of the PSAs.

#### **5. Discussion/Action Item: BAC Expansion:**

This item was deferred due to lack of quorum.

#### **6. Discussion Item/Action Item: MPO TAC Membership:**

Mr. Rudolph reported that the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Board is expected to approve new bylaws for their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) this month. The new bylaws call for the BAC Chair or designee to serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. Mr. Rudolph explained that the TAC meets at 1:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month so the BAC representative would have to be available during that time.

Mr. Struckhoff mentioned that it would be difficult for him to attend those meetings due to his work schedule and suggested that another member of the BAC may have better availability and therefore be a better choice. Ms. McClure and Mr. Calton both mentioned that they would not be able to attend as well because of the time of the meetings. Members suggested that Mr. Rudolph add this item to next month's agenda and send an e-mail to the members not present and ask for a volunteer to represent the BAC who would be available during the TAC meeting time.

## **7. Quick Updates**

### **A. Bicycle Safety Month**

Mr. Rudolph displayed a new web page on the MPO and Planning Department's Web site dedicated to bicycle planning. Mr. Rudolph mentioned that he will be continually updating and adding items to the page. The web address is <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/tr-bike>.

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business

## **9. Adjournment of Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

