

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2016

**Members Present:** Amy Hite, Chairperson  
Stacey Bacon  
LouAnn Colyer  
Geoffrey Hines  
Dick Horton  
Deborah McGeorge

**Members Absent:** John Robb, Vice Chairperson

**Others Present:** Troy Graham, City Planner  
Andrea Holtzman, Administrative Assistant  
Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation

Chairperson, Amy Hite, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. with six (6) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes from April 26, 2016. In this regard, Geoffrey Hines moved, seconded by Dick Horton, to approve the minutes with the change in the attendance reflecting Geoffrey Hines being present. This motion passed unanimously.

The second order of business was the discussion of pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns in the City. Geoffrey Hines addressed the parking lot off of 4th Street at Schlanger Park. There are several pot holes and cracked pavement. The ADA signs are still on the west side of the parking lot. Kim Vogel mentioned there are no current plans for the improvement of the parking lot until after KDOT improves the overpass.

Amy Hite indicated on Joplin Street near PCMS there need to have cross walks in controlled intersections. Troy Graham looked at the aerial photos and it indicated 13th Street. It could be the markings need to be refreshed. He will communicate with the Traffic and Communication Supervisor so they can add this area to the list for their summer painting.

Deborah mentioned there is no sidewalk on West 20th to get people from the trailer park to Broadway for access to shopping. Geoffrey Hines indicated he will contact Pizza Hut to see if they would be interested in funding a portion of the sidewalk.

The third order of business was an update on the People for Bikes Grant. Deborah McGeorge did some research on the pump stations. She found information on a pump that will cost approximately \$675.00 and then an installation tool kit for \$39.50. She mentioned having this somewhere near Trail Head Park, one near campus and near Schlanger Park.

LouAnn Colyer explained Community Foundation has a grant open for the next 30 days that considers needs for Children.

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Kim Vogel mentioned LiveWell might be a possibility for pump stations also. Deborah mentioned she will look into the possibility of cheaper prices if several pumps are purchased. Kim will communicate with Deborah McGeorge after tomorrow's LiveWell meeting. More information regarding these pumps will be discussed at the next meeting.

In July the Board will decide if they are going to apply for the People for Bikes Grant.

The fourth order of business was an update on the Sunflower Foundation Grant. Troy Graham indicated he contacted Lindsey Fincham from the Sunflower Foundation who indicated the award announcement should be made Friday. He will email the Board if the grant is awarded to Pittsburg.

Kim Vogel indicated Parks and Recreation has a couple of trail counters and she will move one to the South Rouse Trail to get a count on how many people are using the trail.

It was also requested to have one on the East/West Connector at 10th and Michigan to get a count.

The fifth order of business was the discussion of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Grant. Kim Vogel indicated this is a Live Well grant. It is a \$100,000 coordinators grant. Someone will be hired to work on the area of pathways. The County will be joining with this grant to hire a person for 3 years. This position will work out of the Courthouse and has been approved by the Commission. Kim indicated there will be more information regarding this on the Live Well agenda tomorrow.

The grant for the Lakeside Park was not approved. Another grant through Kansas Fishery for sidewalks. Kim Vogel will bring an update when she gets it.

The sixth order of business was the discussion of the Traffic Advisory Board Agenda. Troy Graham explained the Traffic Advisory Board consists of the police and fire chiefs, the Director of Public Utilities, the Director of Public Works, the Traffic and Communication Supervisor, the City Planner and the Director of Transportation for USD 250. These members get together on an as needed basis to discuss traffic safety concerns throughout the city. To get an item placed on the agenda for the Traffic Advisory Board the concern needs to be placed in writing and submitted to the Board for review. He reviewed the most recent agenda for the Traffic Advisory Board and explained the process of reviewing the requested items. After he explained the process of the Traffic Advisory Board and the different criteria the Board reviews he let the Active Transportation Advisory Board know that this could be the process for the safety concerns.

Deborah McGeorge mentioned the stop light at Quincy and the Bypass doesn't change for cyclists. Troy explained this is a KDOT signal so that will need to go to KDOT.

It was mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> and Joplin signal near the East-West Connector doesn't change adequately. Troy Graham will contact Joe and have him check the sensor.

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Geoffrey asked if the City has looked at automatic changes for the emergency vehicles. Troy explained he thought Fire Chief, Mike Simons was looking into this.

Kim Vogel asked if anything had been done at Ron's regarding the issue John Robb brought before the group last month. Troy Graham explained the curb was going to be painted yellow. He will contact Joe to have him add this to the list of places painted during the summer. It was asked if a way-finding sign indicating the trail continues and an entrance to Ron's with a distance could be placed in the area. Troy will communicate with Ron's to see if this could be done and discuss the cross walk leading to the store.

Kim Vogel explained tomorrow, June 8, the County wide Public Input meeting for trails in Girard from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Civic Center, 102 N Ozark St.

There being no further business Amy Hite adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. After a brief discussion it was decided to tentatively schedule the next meeting to be held in the upstairs conference Room of City Hall on July 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Holtzman  
Administrative Assistant