

**MINUTES**  
**MANHATTAN URBAN AREA PLANNING BOARD**  
**City Commission Room, City Hall**  
**1101 Poyntz Avenue**  
**June 20, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nikki Miller, Chairperson; Bill Meredith, Vice-Chair; Jerry Reynard, Linda Morse; and Stephanie Rolley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Hill and Mike Kratochvil.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning; Steve Zilkie, Senior Planner; Chad Bunger, Planner II; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Peter Clark, Civil Design Engineer; Joey Lightner, Bicycle Intern.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one spoke.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF LOT 1 OF THE KMAN ADDITION, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CASEMENT ROAD AND E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD, 2414 CASEMENT ROAD. (APPLICANT/OWNER: MANHATTAN BROADCASTING CO. INC.)**

**APPROVE THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF WEST LOOP SHOPPING CENTER PUD, PHASE TWO, FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE WEST LOOP SHOPPING CENTER. (APPLICANT: ANNE F. MCBRIDE – MCBRIDE DALE CLARION/OWNER: CENTRO BRADLEY SPE 3 LLC)**

Meredith moved that the Planning Board approve the Consent Agenda. Reynard seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**TABLE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE REZONING AN APPROXIMATE TWO ACRE TRACT OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CONSISTING OF 612 POYNTZ AVENUE, 121 N. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND 621 HUMBOLDT STREET, AND A PORTION OF THE ADJOINING ALLEY, FROM C-1 RESTRICTED BUSINESS**

**DISTRICT, TO C-4, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. (APPLICANT/OWNER: THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MANHATTAN, KANSAS, INC., A KANSAS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION- JOHN LINDHOLM, CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF TRUSTEES)**

Rolley moved that the Planning Board table the public hearing to rezone the First United Methodist Church property to the July 7, 2011 Planning Board meeting, based on the recommendation of City Administration.

Reynard seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

**III WORK SESSION**

**DISCUSSION OF THE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE, CONSISTING OF THE STRATEGIC FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**

Joey Lightner presented an overview of the Strategic Five-Year Bike Plan and answered questions from the Board.

Reynard asked about shared use of sidewalks and expressed concern with allowing bikes on sidewalks.

Clark indicated that bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks in Aggieville or the Downtown area. He indicated a need to develop a standardized path designs for multi-use paths.

Rolley suggested that the proposed policy revisions would most likely require amending the Subdivision Regulations.

Morse suggested adding a sidewalk/path connection along Knox Lane to the Northeast Park, on the proposed bike route map and expressed her support of the proposed initiatives.

Rolley noted that the goals identified by the Bicycle Advisory Committee are different than those in the original Bicycle Master Plan in that they now emphasize commuting more than recreational bicycling, such as utilizing bicycle boulevards as part of the approach towards livability and creating a bicycle friendly community. She said it will be important that the plan address this policy shift. She suggested that proposed Policy 7 regarding mixed land uses, should include statements about bicycles. She said that the work that Cam Moeller has been doing on how to approach mixed-use and cluster development makes sense and relates to the ideas being presented for different forms of transportation and connectivity. She recommended making that connection between mixed-use development and bikeability within the policies.

Rolley noted that the western portions of the community appear to have less bicycle accommodation on the proposed maps and suggested that Anneberg Park could be a major transfer point for a lot of bike traffic. She suggested adding existing connections, such as the pedestrian bridge from Stone Point to Anneberg Park, to the route maps, or possibly developing a third map that shows available, as well as the ultimate connections. She said it would be good to show these connections to promote and preserve connectivity. She suggested investigating if there is a need for a connection along Anderson Avenue from Wyndham Heights to Anneberg Park, to provide a safe crossing route.

Rolley said the work that the Bicycle Advisory Committee has put into the bike boulevard concept and connectivity across the community is a great improvement and she is very supportive of a plan that pulls all this together, addresses a variety of needs, and promotes a community that understands what bicycle boulevards are and how to use them.

### **REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no reports or comments from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Cattell, AICP, Assistant Director for Planning