



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
January 19th, 2012

Members Present: Diane Novak, Brian Hardeman, Michael Wesch, Dan Scott, Dave Colburn

Members Absent: Susanne Kufahl, Joe Wright, Ben Champion, Joe Edmunds

Staff Present: Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Peter Clark, Design Engineer; Rob Ott, City Engineer

Public Attendance: 1

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. on December 15th, 2011.

Approval of Minutes:

M. Wesch moved to approve the December 2011 minutes; D. Novak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

1. J. Lightner reported on the status of the bike rack project. City staff will follow up with the Aggieville Business Association to determine those rack locations around Aggieville and then order the racks and have them installed.
2. He also reported that Rebecca Pepper, State of Kansas Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator is looking for volunteers to help organize the Built Environment and Outdoor Summit to be held in Manhattan in the fall of 2012. J. Lightner suggested that the BAC should support the effort and get involved.
3. J. Lightner also reported on the status of bike week 2012. He stated that a committee has been formed to organize the series of events and that most events are in the final stages. The bike week committee will begin to promote the week as soon as possible.
4. P. Clark reported on the status of the underground pedestrian tunnel connecting the Discovery Center and the Train Depot. He stated that the plans for the project are 50% complete. He asked for feedback from the committee. D. Novak inquired about the width of the sidewalk. P. Clark stated that most of the high-traffic areas will be 10 feet but the sidewalk splits near the Train Depot into two five feet sidewalks to provide access and connect the existing infrastructure. D. Novak stated that this could be a safety concern if it is traveled enough as bikes and pedestrians would have to compete for space. P. Clark stated that this sidewalk does connect the existing sidewalk on

Fort Riley Boulevard near the mall and that in the future a wider multiuse path may be warranted but is not at this time.

5. Additionally, P. Clark reported that Frank Gibbs, Park Planner has left the city and city staff is interviewing for his replacement. He suggested that whoever fills this position could be an asset in the future.
6. P. Clark reported on the Waste Water Treatment plans that connect McCall Road to Levy Drive. This is a vital connection to Linear Trail. Issues requiring easements have made it unlikely that a straight path connecting the current multiuse path to Linear Trail will be possible. City staff will plan an alternate route to Linear Trail and present those ideas to the BAC at a later meeting.

Bicycle-Friendly Community Application

1. J. Lightner presented the Bicycle-Friendly Community Application to the BAC. Application to the League of American He stated that city staff has reviewed the application and it is ready to be sent. D. Colburn moved to approve the application. M. Wesch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvement Project Request

1. J. Lightner stated that CIP requests for 2013 need to be submitted by March 2012. As such, he inquired about which CIP items the committee wished to submit. He suggested that the BAC submit items that were presented to City Commission with the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Bicycling in May of 2011 and an item for a half-time bike coordinator position. D. Colburn inquired if the coordinator item should be a CIP request or some other request. B. Hardeman stated that this is the way the BAC can request funds. P. Clark reminded the BAC that in 2012 \$5,000 was allotted for bike racks and \$5,000 for signage. After 2012, the city will probably be at a saturation point for bike racks and signs. He suggested that the BAC request funds for other projects outside of racks and signage in 2013. M. Wesch stated that wayfinding signs are an effective and efficient way to facilitate biking. P. Clark stated that city staff is prioritizing sidewalk gaps. As such, in future years if the BAC decides a gap is needed, a CIP for sidewalks or other projects could be requested. D. Novak inquired about the possibility of Transportation Enhancement funding and if we could use CIP and other funds to match potential grants. P. Clark stated that Public Works has a budget for sidewalk and that could possibly be used as matching funds. D. Novak inquired about Parks and Recreation matching funds and they could be used to match grants as well, suggesting that involvement of multiple groups would be beneficial. She also stated that KDOT usually as a workshop for Transportation Enhancement grants.

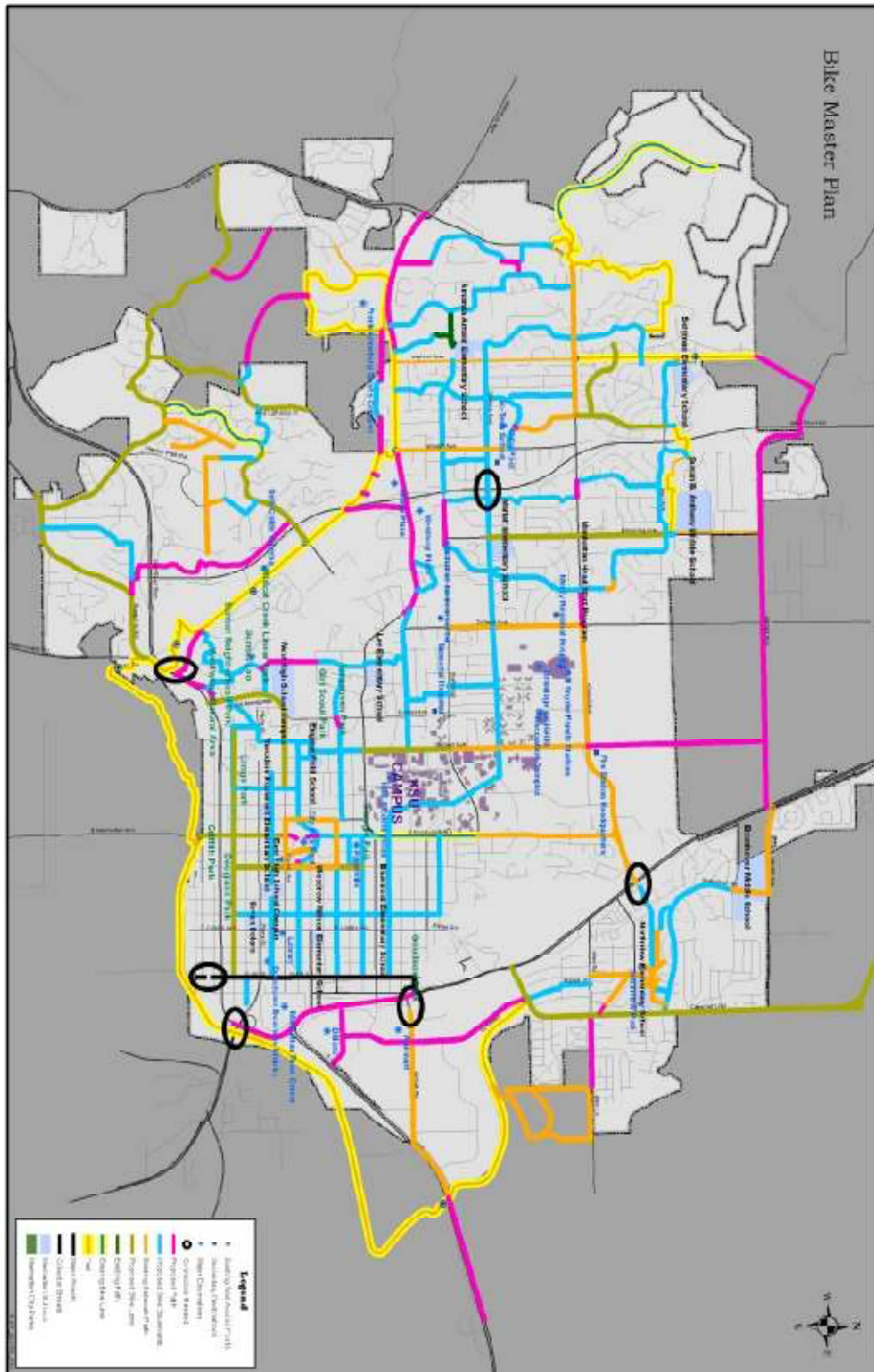
Work session – Bicycle Master Plan Map and Policy

1. J. Lightner reported on the status of the policy for the future Bike Master Plan. City staff is currently drafting policy that will be presented to the BAC at a future meeting. The BAC worked on the map that will represent the entire bicycle infrastructure and be part of the policy document that will be presented to citizens, city staff and city commissioners. A draft of the map is shown in Attachment 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2012.

Bike Master Plan



Attachment 1. Bicycle Master Map.