

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

Justin Larson	Absent	Ed Kraemer	Present
Jan Nelson	Present	Molly Wichman	Absent
Jeffrey Brandhorst	Absent	Eric Kratz	Present
*Eric Vaughan	Present	Greg Hunsucker	Absent
Jarrold Gravatt	Absent	Yvonne Ventimiglia	Present
Gary Denny	Present		

*Chair.

City Council Liaison Trish Carlyle was Absent and Staff Liaison Michael Park was Present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Eric Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Magda Orr, a resident along Browning Street near Green Street (Lee's Summit High School area), attended the meeting to request sidewalk along Green Street from Browning Street to downtown Lee's Summit. Mr. Park provided some history regarding the study of sidewalks, sidewalk gaps, and program funds to construct sidewalk. Information was shared regarding the City Council prioritization of sidewalk improvements and recent citizen approval of additional funding for sidewalks. She was advised to contact Vince Schmoeger at Public Works to discuss this request, and to ensure that it's recorded for future reference in the event prioritization is reconsidered based on public comments in the future. Though no sidewalk funds have been prioritized by Council at this time for sidewalk gaps, she may desire to contact her elected officials to express her desire to accelerate programming and/or review the prioritization.

Justin Larson was present at 6:38 p.m.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

On motion of Ed Kraemer, second by Yvonne Ventimiglia, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as posted.

4. **APPROVAL OF September 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Gary Denny, second by Justin Larson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes as written.

5. **ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Eric Vaughan reported progress by LSR7 to implement the BLAST education program at elementary schools within the district. A funding request for bicycles and other materials has been submitted. The district plans to visit Lawrence, KS, to see the program in curriculum.

- Development Standards/Codes Committee

The committee did not meet as intended. Dr. Kraemer and Mr. Hunsucker will work with Mr. Soto to schedule a meeting.

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Bike/Walk to School Day (International Date Oct. 10)

No update at this time. An update will be provided in November.

- Miscellaneous Topics

Eric Kratz noted the upcoming trip the lights bike ride at Longview. Jan Nelson shared design information for the RIRC Trail Head at Hartmann Park to be constructed by Parks and Recreation. Ed Kraemer provided an update on the Jackson County Health Department health campaign. Eric Vaughan reported that Overland Park recently completed a similar bike rack plan as Lee's Summit for its downtown area.

6. PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Development and CIP Activity Update

Mr. Park talked about various Development Projects and recent development activity that is advancing through the approval process. Michael Park also provided an update on notable capital improvement projects.

Michael Park and the board discussed transit in Lee's Summit, including current transit services, transit demand and potential transit enhancements. He had a discussion with the Public Works Committee earlier in the evening regarding transit and any interest to implement transit service changes in 2019. Those discussions were conveyed to the board for feedback. The board generally shared an opinion that more transit, especially fixed route transit, was needed and could be supported in Lee's Summit. Comments were noted that a city the size of Lee's Summit typical has fixed route transit services. The board agreed with the two proposed fixed transit routes recommended by the KCATA and staff, as presented to City Council, and did not see any other potential routes at this time. Either of the two routes would be supported and should be designed to include multiple stops at points of interest or high density (e.g. hospitals, parks, shopping centers, etc.) in route between the respective transit centers and downtown Lee's Summit. The board expressed priority interest for the route between the 3-Trails Transit Center and downtown Lee's Summit through Longview Community College, if funds were not available for both fixed routes presented. The board said it would support a reduction in service (number of bus trips) provided on the existing commuter service between the park and ride lot and downtown Kansas City to help fund a fixed route, but only if the reduction in trips does not displace current ridership. There was a preference among the board to create fixed routes in lieu of adding vehicles to the demand response transit service so that more people could be served and some additional capacity of the demand transit operation could be gained from the alternative service(s). The board did not offer funding scenarios for the increase in cost and did not recommend a reduction in other services that share the same fund.

7. ROUNDTABLE:

Eric Kratz asked about LIME, BIRD and similar micro mobility devices in Lee's Summit. Mr. Vaughan provided a regional update on proposed model regulations for these devices in the right-of-way. He also said BikeWalkKC may introduce a similar mobility model as a non-profit organization.

Jan Nelson said the ice rink at Lea McKeighan Park is open.

Dr. Kraemer advised the board that HEAB met with the Mayor and suggested Mr. Vaughan invite the

Mayor to attend an LSAB meeting.

Yvonne Ventimiglia was beta testing the new City website and requested an update of the Livablestreetsls.com website. She offered to assist Eric Kratz in this update.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The Board unanimously voted to cancel the December meeting due to holiday conflicts on motion of Ed Kraemer and second by Gary Denny. Next meeting is scheduled November 27, 2018.

9. ADJOURN:

*There being no further business, on motion by Jan Nelson, second by Yvonne Ventimiglia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The October 23, 2018 Livable Streets Advisory Board meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:15 p.m.*

Michael Park
City Traffic Engineer