

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, June 25, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

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

**Chair. City Council Liaison Trish Carlyle was Absent and Staff Liaison Michael Park was Present. Staff Hector Soto was Present.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Molly Wichman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Zach Burton attended the meeting and requested the opportunity and time to contribute in the discussion on Agenda Item #6; the LSAB agreed.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

On motion of Justin Larson, second by Gary Denny, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as posted.

4. **APPROVAL OF May 28, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Ed Kraemer, second by Justin Larson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 28, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

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

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Molly Wichman said Jan Nelson wrote an article for Tour de Lakes. Justin Larson will draft an article for July publication on the subject of Summer Heat Issues. Ms. Wichman is seeking ideas for an August publication. Mr. Park suggested a subject pertaining to Tree Trimming and Landscape Maintenance on private property within or affecting the public right of way (e.g. obstructed sidewalks, street overhang/bus conflicts, limits intersection sight distance, etc.).

- Development Standards/Codes Committee
 - UDO Review/Update Coordination (Sidewalks)

Mr. Soto plans to schedule a meeting with the Home Builders Association and has heard some initial feedback on the proposed UDO update(s) regarding sidewalk with different opinions and some suggestions of compromise. For example, he heard a request for wider sidewalk on one

side of the street in lieu of sidewalk on both sides of the street. The LSAB will review proposed suggestions. The LSAB did not support the idea of a wider sidewalk in lieu of sidewalk on both sides of the street; which would not address the issue of sidewalk availability and a wider sidewalk does not make any improvement for pedestrian access (existing sidewalk requirement is standard 5 feet wide with plenty of residential capacity for pedestrians).

Yvonne Ventimiglia present at 6:43 p.m.

- Next Committee Review/Update Issue(s)

The Committee replaced Ed Kraemer with Eric Vaughan. The Committee decided to work on micro-mobility standards, regulations and ordinances as its next issue led by Mr. Vaughan. This includes personal and business operated micro-mobility devices and use (e.g. LIME, BIRD, e-scooters). Mr. Vaughan will set a Committee meeting to begin this work. Committee members were asked to start researching examples from other communities. Staff will be developing regulations, standards and ordinances with law in coordination with the LSAB. The other topics of interest (e.g. UDO updates regarding shared parking, maximum parking, and bicycle parking standards) will be pursued by Staff and/or the LSAB after completion of the micro-mobility issue.

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Miscellaneous Topics

Ms. Wichman this Friday is another Fourth Friday's summer event downtown with Music in the Park. Eric Kratz indicated the Tour de Lakes event was well attended (about 800 participants) despite the weather. Eric Vaughan said RideKC not has e-bikes, peddle bikes, and e-scooters. He also noted that Eric Bunch (BikeWalkKC staff) had been elected to the Kansas City City Council.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

- Greenway Master Plan (and 3rd St. Interchange Multi-Modal Accommodations)

Gary Denny and Molly Wichman participated in the preliminary meetings with VIRO (consultant) and Parks and Recreation for the Greenway Master Plan update as liaisons to the LSAB. Mr. Park, Gary Denny and Molly Wichman shared information on the Greenway Master Plan update, meetings with Parks and Recreation and plan to move forward with additional LSAB feedback as the plan develops. Public meetings were scheduled for citizen input in the Greenway Master Plan update. Some common points of focus were more connectivity to downtown, connections to the Rock Island Trail and new regional connections to the MARC system and Johnson County, KS. A suggestion by Mr. Burton was mentioned and supported by Parks and Recreation for inclusion in draft proposals; to add separated path (shared use path/sidepath) extending north along Ward Road to 3rd Street and eastward through the 3rd Street interchange at US 50 Hwy. This was a time sensitive recommendation that may be coordinated with MoDOT's interchange scoping improvements (bridge replacement and minor traffic enhancements, sidewalk, etc.). Mr. Burton contributed to the discussion and need for additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities through this interchange. Other routes were discussed connecting downtown to the Rock Island Trail (e.g. Jefferson Street and O'Brien Road).

7. PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Development and CIP Activity Update

Mr. Park and Mr. Soto provided information on recent development and capital projects.

8. ROUNDTABLE:

The board and staff had some discussion regarding bike lanes and the transition of paved shoulders to bike lanes throughout the City. The discussion included standards/requirements, parking and other challenges, priority routes, pilot projects, costs and funding, political support/opposition, public engagement, process, etc. Similar to how Livable Streets gained support through past strategic planning efforts (LS 360), perhaps the implementation of LSAB bike lane and transit priorities can be advanced through the more recent strategic planning effort (LS Ignite) applicable to quality of life, proactive transportation, economic development, and other related goals. The board requested this subject be placed on the next agenda for continued discussion.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled July 23, 2019.

10. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Justin Larson, second by Gary Denny, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Michael Park
City Traffic Engineer