

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

Justin Larson	Absent	Ed Kraemer	Present
Jan Nelson	Present	*Molly Wichman	Present
Jeffrey Brandhorst	Present	Eric Kratz	Present
Eric Vaughan	Present	Greg Hunsucker	Present
Zach Burton	Present	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 Molly Wichman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF November 26, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Greg Hunsucker, second by Jan Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from November 26, 2019, as presented. The December Meeting was Cancelled for Holiday Conflicts.

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

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Ms. Wichman gave a report on recently published articles. Mr. Burton wrote an article for December pertaining to bicycle commuting in the community. Ed Kraemer may write some articles about completed livable streets projects in Lee's Summit.

- Development Standards/Codes Committee

Additional discussion regarding this topic is pending attendance from a City Council liaison. Ms. Wichman will reach out to City Administration and the Mayor's Office to engage a City Council Liaison in the process.

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Miscellaneous Topics

Eric Vaughan said BikeWalkKC has a new community dashboard available for tracking Bike/Ped Projects.

Ed Kraemer shared an update on the Eastern Jackson County Health Department's Health Improvement Plan initiative; including a Smart Growth America Consortium training workshop on Complete Streets and policy promotion. Dr. Kraemer also noted a Lee's Summit Complete Streets presentation at Greater Kansas City MML Conference. A meeting is setup with the EJC HIP for Sugar Creek to work on a Complete Streets Policy using Lee's Summit as a reference. He has also been engaged in the Ignite Community Well Being Group; a part of the City Strategic Planning effort.

Eric Kratz talked about several new trails throughout the Jacomo Park area within and adjacent to Lee's Summit. These are marked and signed trails. The Jackson County Parks system continues to expand, change and improve the trail system.

6. DISCUSSION:

- **Bike Lanes**

Mr. Park provided an update and request from Public Works Committee for the LSAB to advise and recommend priority implementation of Bicycle Lanes, if any, within the community. He had presented a parking ordinance at PWC that initiated a discussion about bike lanes as it may relate to parking controls. During that discussion, Mr. Park had noted the areas where No Parking had been requested within the Lakewood area were also along bike routes. Though the bike routes appear similar to bike lanes, they could not be marked and signed as official bike lanes without restricted parking along the entire route. Mr. Park had said that bike lane implementations were recommended by LSAB, but could be politically sensitive. This discussion led the PWC to ask where bike lanes are most desired to serve for future consideration (a pilot project) of sort. The LSAB discussed several routes and recommended by consensus a route along O'Brien (2nd Street to Pryor) and an alternate route being 2nd Street (Jefferson to Blue) as the first priority corridor to implement bike lanes. These existing bike routes were identified as primary routes used more so than many other bike routes with existing marked shoulders on the curbed roadway section (available pavement width for transition to bike lanes) and having limited parking impacts based on observations of parking activity.

- **Vision Zero**

The board and Mr. Park discussed Vision Zero, Lee's Summit traffic safety programs and services that relate to traffic safety, and Lee's Summit crash experiences (e.g. no fatal bike/ped crashes on City ROW in over 10 years and fewer than 2 vehicle related fatal crashes on City ROW annually without a recognizable correctable pattern of incidents). Speed limits, crosswalks, and various policies, procedures and best practices were also discussed. Vision Zero is a national initiative simply described as a goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Though Lee's Summit is already doing a lot of good things and shows a good record, Vision Zero could help sustain the positive programs and services that impact traffic safety, expand those programs and services, and/or address gaps in other areas related to traffic safety (e.g. Education, Policing, Regulation, Codes, etc.) to further improve traffic safety throughout the community. Examples of Vision Zero resolutions differ within communities. A Lee's Summit Vision Zero policy (resolution) will be further discussed in February. Jeff Brandhorst will do some additional research in preparation for the February LSAB meeting.

7. PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Development and CIP Activity Update

Mr. Park updated the board on recent development projects before the Planning Commission/City Council and provided information about capital improvement projects.

8. ROUNDTABLE:

Jan Nelson noted the condition of View High Drive was in very poor condition and asked if KCMO was planning any repairs.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled February 25, 2020.

10. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Greg Hunsucker, second by Zach Burton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Michael Park
City Traffic Engineer