

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

Justin Larson	Absent	Ed Kraemer	Absent
Jan Nelson	Present	*Molly Wichman	Present
Jeffrey Brandhorst	Present	Eric Kratz	Absent
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. Staff Hector Soto and Jackie White were also Present.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Molly Wichman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

On motion of Zach Burton, second by Eric Vaughan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as posted.

4. **APPROVAL OF January 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Gary Denny, second by Jeff Brandhorst, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2020, as presented.

5. **PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Development and CIP Activity Update

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

6. **CONTINUED DISCUSSION:**

- Vision Zero Resolution

The board and Mr. Park continued discussion regarding Vision Zero, initially discussed at the January board meeting. Additional research, examples and references were presented. The board considered and recommended no resolution at this time, nor a formal Vision Zero Plan that typically accompanies a resolution, but more simply adding language about Vision Zero to the May Bike and Walk Month Proclamation. Otherwise, in light of all the supporting efforts the City already does pertaining to Vision Zero, the board preferred to hold on development of a Vision Zero specific plan until an identifiable need arises where such plan provides more value and could address emerging issues not already addressed by Livable Streets and current City programs and services for bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

7. ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS:

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Ms. Wichman gave a report on recently published articles. More public education material focused on safety is desired for the months of April and May. Dr. Kraemer intends to do an article for March about safety as well. Jan Nelson volunteered to prepare an article on neighborhood speeding and pedestrian safety impacts and Gary Denny would also draft an article for May.

- Development Standards/Codes Committee

Nothing to update on the sidewalk standards; pending discussion with City Council Liaison and coordination with the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Soto explained the opportunity to gain broad citizen support for improved sidewalk standards through the Comprehensive Planning process. Greg Hunsucker sent a variety of questions pertaining to the proposed sidewalk standards, challenging various points of opposition submitted via letter from KC HBA (Home Builders Association), to other HBA's around the Midwest for comment/feedback.

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Miscellaneous Topics

Greg Hunsucker sent a request to Asst. Chief Jim Eden (Fire Dept.) and Police Department to see if any issues exist that LSAB could help address. There was no response from Police and Fire Department did not request any help at this time.

Eric Vaughan shared an update on the Rock Island Corridor and Johnson County Trail projects. He also noted new online interactive public education tools available at BikeWalk KC.

Gary Denny provided some "unofficial" sampling of vehicle conflicts (parking) experienced along O'Brien Road from Pryor to Downtown as a measure of bike lane viability. He took more than a half dozen rides along the corridor at various times and only encountered 2-4 parked vehicles on average, typically the same locations each time and east of Donovan. This information could be helpful if staff is asked about parking conflicts during conversation with Council for imposing parking restrictions along O'Brien to implement bike lanes in the future.

8. ROUNDTABLE:

Michael Park briefly discussed board membership, terms and renewals. Ms. Wichman would contact the Mayor's Office (Julie Pryor) to request a replacement for Justin Larson; whom has not attended the LSAB meeting in over 6 months.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled March 24, 2020.

10. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Jeff Brandhorst, second by Eric Vaughan, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Michael Park
City Traffic Engineer