

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, October 27, 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	Absent
Gary Denny	Present		

*Chair. City Council Liaison Andrew Felker was Absent and Staff Liaison Michael Park was Present. Staff Hector Soto was 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 Gary Denny, second by Zach Burton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as posted.

4. **APPROVAL OF August 25, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Jeff Brandhorst, second by Jan Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from August 25, 2020, as presented. The September board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

5. **DISCUSSION:**

- Ignite! Comprehensive Plan & Ignite! Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Soto provided an update to the board regarding Ignite! Comprehensive Plan development. He indicated the board has a planned engagement in the multimodal transportation section. However, he's not sure when the board will be approached; the overall plan development schedule has been delayed due to COVID-19. Mr. Soto shared various public engagement resources for plan feedback such as surveys, webpages, podcasts, etc. He noted several board members have already commented and welcomed more participation.

Dr. Kraemer gave an update on the Ignite! Strategic Plan initiative with connections to livable streets within the Community Health and Well Being work group recommendations. He mentioned a desired update to strategies and policies forthcoming, such as Livable Streets Policy, with the LSAB taking the lead.

6. PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Development and CIP Activity Update

Mr. Park and Mr. Soto provided an update on recent development projects before the Planning Commission/City Council and shared information about active capital improvement projects.

7. ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS:

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Ms. Wichman gave a report on published articles over the last several months and asked members to put some previously discussed articles into motion. Eric Kratz said the City (Creative Services Division) has asked for updates to the Livable Streets webpage and requested members share new content (and updates) with him or Kelli Welch as the City.

- Development Standards/Codes Committee

Hector Soto provided an update and would send CM Felker related sidewalk ordinance information previously prepared and drafted for Council consideration in future UDO update, if not already done. He said the next step in advancing the proposed change to sidewalk standards and timing of construction is depending on the Ignite! Plans; where broader public support can be attained in consideration of the HBA opposition. Greg Hunsucker said his contacts to other HBA's outside Lee's Summit have not provided a clear response (basically "bowed out" so as not to create conflict). Michael Park said a sidewalk gap prioritization discussion is tentatively planned for Public Works Committee in November. The proposed ordinance revisions, among other public benefits, would help reduce the creation of new gaps in the sidewalk network throughout the City.

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Miscellaneous Topics

Eric Vaughan shared an update on the BikeWalk KC activities. Bike share has increased by 40% on the year and more bike share is set to open in Lenexa, KS by November. He also noted several upcoming events, such as Tour de Beer.

Ed Kraemer reiterated the Building a Healthier Jackson County initiative has been suspended during the pandemic (BHJC deferred to 2021 or later; the leading staff are overcommitted to COVID-19 response for the indeterminate future).

8. ROUNDTABLE:

Michael Park noted several transit initiatives; including the continuation of OATS services and use of available CARES funds for eligible transit service cost reimbursements and OATS vehicle replacements. Zach Burton requested consideration of more sustainable vehicle options (e.g. electric, natural gas, hybrid) when the replacements occur.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled November 24, 2020. The board decided to cancel the December meeting due to holiday conflicts.

10. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Ed Kraemer, second by Zach Burton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Park
City Traffic Engineer