

LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

Ed Kraemer	Present	Yvonne Ventimiglia	Present
Jan Nelson	Present	*Molly Wichman	Present
Jeffrey Brandhorst	Absent	Eric Kratz	Absent
Eric Vaughan	Present	Vacant	Absent
Zach Burton	Present	Vacant	Absent
Gary Denny	Present		

**Chair. City Council Liaison Andrew Felker and Staff Liaison Michael Park were Absent, Staff Liaison Alternate Jackie White was Present and Staff Hector Soto was Present.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Molly Wichman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF January 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Jan Nelson, second by Yvonne Ventimiglia, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from January 26, 2021, as presented.

5. **Discussion-Multimodal Transportation Section of Comprehensive Plan (Ignite):**

Hector Soto answered Board questions related to the Ignite Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Soto indicated that the Ignite plan is being created to serve all residents and to guide development over the next 20 years. Mr. Soto clarified that this version of the plan is the second draft version. Mr. Soto indicated that he would take all of the Board members comments back for the consideration of Development Services and the Consultant Team working on the final version of the plan.

Mr. Vaughan commented that it looked like a good plan, but questioned why there were only three "E's" indicated in the plan for Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. He indicated that it is a common priority in transportation to include a fourth "E", Equity.

Ms. Nelson indicated that she didn't see much direction or indication of what kind of micro mobility can or could not be used on sidewalks. Mr. Soto indicated that specific guidance for many components of the plan would be further clarified or codified by other City documents, for example City ordinances.

Ms. Ventimiglia indicated that she would have liked to see the aging and disabled population needs more thoroughly addressed. She indicated that individual transit service options are not coordinated

and that Lee's Summit seems to be standing alone with transit options, not coordinated like some other local agencies. She indicated that she felt the plan seemed weak for disabled and elderly populations. Mr. Burton indicated that he agreed with this and transit should be cheaper for the 5% population below the poverty line. He indicated that he felt the City needed to devote more funding to address the problem. Ventimiglia indicated that if the City wanted to stay a Gold Walk Friendly Community there needed to be more resources for services.

Ms. Wichman asked if there would be designated spots for micro mobility options downtown once the new apartment building is completed. Mr. Soto indicated that it would have to be addressed. He mentioned that Development Services staff is currently having meetings with micro mobility vendors to discuss their service offerings. Mr. Vaughan recommended that Lee's Summit work with BikeWalk KC (a non-profit agency) and utilize their services as other local agencies have done. He indicated that they have already researched these issues. Johnson County Kansas, KCMO, North Kansas City and other local agencies are utilizing BikeWalk KC resources. Mr. Vaughan indicated that David Johnson at BikeWalk KC would be a good person to contact.

Mr. Burton questioned why Lee's Summit does not adopt Vision Zero as a formal policy. Ms. White explained that because of the zero fatality rate that Lee's Summit has and the fact that we utilize vision zero strategies as a matter of practice we have not adopted Vision Zero as a policy. Mr. Vaughan then questioned why Vision Zero was in the document at all. Mr. Burton indicated that although there were no fatalities on the City system there have been some on MoDOT's system. Mr. Soto indicated that the City doesn't own or maintain the MoDOT system. Mr. Burton indicated that MoDOT roadways in the City should be included in Vision Zero for Lee's Summit since it affects Lee's Summit residents.

Mr. Kraemer commented that overall he was impressed by the Ignite Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Nelson indicated that there appeared to be some exhibits at the end of the document that were referenced, but not included in the version the Board received. Mr. Soto indicated he would look at that to ensure nothing was missed.

Mr. Vaughan indicated that he would like to see the incorporation of Creative Placemaking by working with local artists in the document. He referenced KCMO's multicolored cross walk near library on Main.

6. PROJECT UPDATES/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Development and CIP Activity Update

Mr. Soto provided an update on recent development projects before the Planning Commission/City Council. Mr. Soto indicated that development activities were light at this time. He mentioned that the Lee's Summit Library was to renovate and expand. He also mentioned some activity on the Streets of West Pryor Development. Ms. White shared information about active capital improvement projects she managed and others she was aware of. Pedestrian and roadway improvements for on Pryor Road, 3rd Street, and Main Street were explained. The last year of the CIP is being added to the five year plan and estimates are being prepared and financial information updated in the CIP.

7. ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS:

- Encouragement/Education Committee
 - Articles and Media

Ms. Wichman asked members to put forward some articles for consideration. The board discussed various article proposals for future months. Possible topics include Public Transportation/busses; or an article about micro-mobility (e.g. e-bikes, e-scooters, etc.) possibly combined with other transportation topics.

- Development Standards/Codes Committee

Mr. Soto mentioned that there was a lot of public feedback through the Ignite Comp Plan on the need to fill sidewalk gaps

- Event/Organizational Champions
 - Miscellaneous Topics

Mr. Kraemer mentioned the fact the it feels like the community is coming out of a year of hibernation and we should see more physical activity in our parks.

8. ROUNDTABLE:

Eric Vaughan shared an update on the BikeWalk KC activities. He also noted new bikeshare programs with advanced technology coming online in Lenexa and Kansas City Kansas.

Eric Vaughan indicated that there is an opportunity to learn more about what's going on with the Rock Island Trail through a webinar on 2/25/21 at 6:00 pm. He indicated more information was available on BikeWalk KC website.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled March 23, 2021.

10. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Zach Burton, second by Gary Denny, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Jackie White
Public Works Senior Staff Engineer