

# LIVABLE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

### CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

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Present at the Meeting Call to Order –

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

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

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comment was received.

#### 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

On motion of Edwin Kraemer, second by Jan Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as posted.

#### 4. **APPROVAL OF May 25, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Gary Denny, second by Jan Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, as presented.

#### 5. **Activities, Assignments and Reports:**

##### a. Council Committee Restructuring Updates

Michael Park gave an overview of the proposed Boards and Commissions reorganization presented to City Council at the August 24, 2021 meeting. In the proposal, all statutorily created and required boards and commissions would not change, for example the Planning Commission, and Excise Tax Committee, but it is proposed that two other umbrella commissions would be created to incorporate most other non-statutory boards and commissions such as the LSAB, Arts Council, HEAB, etc. Many of these existing boards and commissions would become subcommittees of the parent Commission. The two commissions proposed to be created would be "Health and Human Services" and "Arts and Culture". The two proposed commissions would likely have "more say" and be empowered to a greater extent than current advisory roles. LSAB would be a part and subcommittee of the Health and Human Services Commission. There would also be a "Diversity Commission" that stands alone from the other two new Commissions. Governance, structure, membership and terms on the commissions are still TBD. Terms and term limits would be implemented and consistent for members; with each having the same opportunity to start at year one (no penalty or accounting for previous years of service). City Council communicated various concerns at the August 24, 2021 Council meeting, including the need to strike a careful balance (not too big or too small) to ensure that common interests are

shared, differing opinions were still encouraged and current initiatives were not lost. Council wanted more details before formal action is taken. There is no set schedule to get this done nor any urgency.

Ed (in association with HEAB) and Molly (for LSAB) previously had separate conversations with the Mayor. Ed indicated that his concerns were that criteria for designations as a Bike Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Community requires a board like the LSAB. LSAB and Livable Streets is also a consideration by MARC for federal funding application review; Lee's Summit being an example leader in the region. He was also concerned that leadership of the proposed new commission looks like a huge job that most people would possibly not want or be able to meet.

Jeff asked if this reorganization was part of the Strategic Plan? Michael responded that it was not necessarily a result one specific plan but a combination of current and prior Strategic Plans resulting in similar boards and commissions that could benefit from reorganization.

Mr. Felker indicated that the proposed direction will be revisited in full detail by the full Council before any action is taken and he would want feedback from current board members. He indicated that he didn't want to lose the voice of these groups. Mr. Felker sent an email to the LSAB members during the meeting containing a link to the Board reorganization proposal. That link is as follows.

<https://lsmo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5089213&GUID=11BA88CA-5C35-49F5-8D44-604984C80C29>

*b. Development Standards/Codes Committee*

*i. UDO Review/Update Coordination (Sidewalks)*

Hector Soto indicated that the Planning staff is putting together an action plan as a result of public feedback received while creating the Ignite Comprehensive plan. Planning staff is compiling information in an effort to obtain feedback from City Council.

*C. Event/Organizational Champions i. International Bike/Walk to School Day*

*ii. Miscellaneous Topics*

Molly indicated that October 5, 2021 is International Bike and Walk to School day. She looked at the online registry and there wasn't much representation from Lee's Summit. Michael Park recommended that someone from LSAB reach out to Lee's Summit and Blue Springs schools to encourage participation. Molly agreed to do that. Molly would also reach out to Creative Services staff to push out information on the City's Facebook and social media sites.

*d. Encouragement/Education Committee*

*i. Articles and Media*

Molly sent out an article in May regarding a local family that uses the Katy Trail. She hadn't seen that article published so she wasn't certain it was.

## **6. Project Updates:**

*a. Development and CIP Activity Update*

Hector Soto indicated that there is a new development proposed on a 62 acre parcel at the NE corner of US 50 and Blackwell. Proposed is a mixed use development of 38,000 SF retail, 252

unit apartment, 130 townhomes, and 78 single family lots. This development is expected to go to City Council October 17. There has been very little public input possibly because the developer reached out to the surrounding residents to inform them in advance. Also, this proposal is a better mix of use than what had been previously proposed by another developer on the same parcel. Hector indicated that there is a walking trail and sidewalks are on both sides of a new collector street. Jeff asked if a trail to the north was considered to connect this new infrastructure to existing infrastructure and Michael Park indicated that a connection would be relatively easy and could be a condition of final approval of the development plan if so desired by City Council.

Hector also summarized proposed conceptual development at SE corner of Ranson and US 50 known as Ranson Landing.

Michael Park indicated that there is a new application for industrial/warehouse development proposed on parcels near the police station.

Michael also gave an update on capital projects to include Lakewood streetlights, Shenandoah streetlights, Ward Road is partially reopened, Pryor Road is being designed, a 291/US50 cost share project with MoDOT is getting ready to begin design.

## **7. ROUNDTABLE:**

Mr. Park shared news about the draft Micro-mobility Traffic amendments to Chapter 29. It is a 100 page document that will include clarification and updates to ordinances to include individual use and device requirements. Chapter 26 amendments would allow for Micro-mobility operators, such as Bird. This item has not gone to the Public Works committee or City Council, but will soon. It is being sent to Bird for their feedback as an operator since it was prompted by Bird's request earlier in the year. The amendments to Chapter 29 will also incorporate PDD's (personal delivery devices) as adopted in state statutes last month, micro-mobility devices (including scooters, e-bicycles, etc.) and other provisions for golf carts. The update to Chapter 29 will include administrative clean up as well for current practice and state law. Michael indicated that some of the goals of this update was to establish consistency, address newer user types, and to address obsolete ordinances. Michael highlighted some of the regulatory and operational provisions for each new device. PPD's have limited regulation based on state statutes; permitted on roads and sidewalks. Golf carts would require registration and a licensed driver. Regulation of other new devices was proposed most similar to a bicycle or bicyclist.

Following Michaels overview of the draft amendments, Jeff questioned the use of bicycles on roadways greater than 35 mph such as Langsford east of 291. Zach questioned the need for roadways with speed limits greater than 35 mph in the City and asked for more traffic signals.

Ed Kraemer indicated that the Mo Complete Streets Coalition continued meeting virtually through Covid and a lot of progress was made.

Eric indicated that the "Tour De Lakes" event was to take place Saturday October 2.

## **8. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled October 26, 2021.

**9. ADJOURN:**

*There being no further business, on motion by Ed Kraemer, second by Gary Denny, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

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Jackie White  
Senior Staff Engineer