

Livablestreets Lee's Summit

Livable Streets Planning Committee, Lee's Summit 360 Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2010 – City Hall, Howard Conference Room

Attendees:

Ed Kraemer, Lorraine Adcock, Kathy Biagioli, Dan Wiltshire, Randy Johnson, Kim Dean, Mary Ellen Jenison, Brian Randall, Mark White, Justin Collier, Eric Kratz, Steve Casey, Michael Park, Sharon Quigley, Vicky Cundiff, Stephen Gentry, Joan Bruns

Update from Committee Chair:

Ed Kraemer welcomed everyone to the 3rd meeting of Livable Streets and commented on how much had been accomplished since the first meeting back in April. He then reviewed several brief timelines of the three subcommittees as follows.

Resolution Subcommittee

Draft resolution → City staff & legal review → Council committee review (Public Works and/or possibly others) → City Council consideration → Policies and procedures

It may be possible to forego City Council committee stage; direction will be given after staff review. Staff review may take a couple weeks. It may be 4-6 weeks to get on Council agenda. The process is still on track to be considered before fall.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Community Subcommittee

Application due July 16 → Response → Improve → Reapply to improve designation

It is not certain about the response time on the application, but the subsequent deadline is in six months (January), so it is assumed we would hear well before then.

Education/Encouragement

Both Livable Streets and Safety/Share the Road Campaigns are ongoing

New Attendees and LS360 Chair Introduction and Comments:

Joan Bruns was introduced and welcomed to the group. Vicky Cundiff remarked that the group was doing a phenomenal job and how impressed she was with all the support and participation she had seen and with all the work that has been done to date.

Subcommittee Reports

▪ **Education and Encouragement:**

Chair Scott Devouton reported on multiple areas of activity, including:

- A 'Livable Streets' presentation was made to the Raintree Lake POA.
- A presentation template with a powerpoint has been created and is ready for use.
- If anyone knows of a contact at a community group that would like to hear about 'Livable Streets', let Scott know
- A Walk in, Bike In event (WiBi) is being planned for late June or July. Check Facebook and the web site for more details.

▪ **Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Community:**

Chair Dan Wiltshire reviewed a draft of the Bicycle Friendly Community application (attached).

Following are specific comments and suggestions of the discussion:

- General Application: Dan was advised to apply online using the template provided. A cover letter will be included to tie many of the items together for the final submission.
- Question #22: How do you ensure there are end-of-trip facilities for bicyclists?
 - Dan observed that this is a 'bicycle first' question. We need to consider if we are looking to be 'bicycle first' or bicycle friendly.
 - Michael Park is working on a bike plan for the city to better connect the Greenways to the streets.
- Question #25c: Are bikes allowed inside transit vehicles?
 - How should we approach this question since the official position of KCATA is 'no'.
 - It was agreed to present a true snapshot of what is experienced.

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- The application can be approached to either (1) give a 'reality check' in terms of the progress needed to be made in this area or (2) to try for a bronze status which could be a positive impetus for future progress.
- General Question: What's at stake in receiving the designation?
 - It would be a recognition, like Tree City USA, an accolade for comparison against neighboring communities
 - May be useful when competing for federal funds through MARC (Mid-America Regional Council). Funding for these types of improvements are part of MARC's 2040 vision.
 - A HUD Sustainable Communities grant program is coming out. The designation may also help for those funds.
- Question #34: How do you accommodate cyclists at intersections?
 - 70%-80% of our intersections have video detection. We may be friendlier than we think. We are just missing certain pieces.
- Question #43: We still need to determine the active League Cycling Instructors in our community.
- Question #51: Cycling events in our community, in addition to Jackson Co. Triathlon and Tour de Lakes, were given:
 - KC Triathlon at Longview
 - Jr. Triathlon at Longview
 - Tour of KC comes through Lee's Summit
 - MS150 starts in Lee's Summit; training sessions held here
- Question #54: Is anyone aware of bike clubs other than the ones listed? Email Dan if you have additional clubs.
- Question #60: We have no officially designated "bicycle friendly businesses" yet. Some discussion of local businesses and potential for applying for this designation included:
 - JP Coffee has bike racks and restroom facilities to accommodate bicyclists changing clothes.
 - Kohl's now has bike racks
 - Summit Fair does not have bike racks, but it has security on bicycles
 - Grocery stores make accommodations for their young employees; they may be willing to apply
 - Encouragement of businesses to apply for this status may be a good focus point
 - Question was asked: What do businesses get for applying, as it takes several hours of work?
 - It was suggested we list businesses receiving the designation on the 'Livable Streets' brochures & the web site
- Final Overview: How do the top reasons for the designation and for improvement look?
 - Physical design of roadway needs to be improved with greater connectivity (as a needed improvement)
 - Highway barriers (as a needed improvement) needs to remain listed. It is a big challenge for Lee's Summit
 - We can include City Council and City staff support of the concept given the adoption of LS360 and the specific goals within that plan
- **Resolution and Policy:**

Mark White briefly reviewed the major components of a draft of a "Livable Streets Resolution" (attached).

 - The resolution will be known as the 'Livable Streets Policy'
 - 'Livable Street' and 'Livable Street Elements' are defined
 - The applicability of the policy is listed:
 - In the design, construction and maintenance standards of transportation systems

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- In the consideration of ordinances to further the policy
- Four guiding principles and practices of the policy are set forth
 - The design and construction of Public Improvement Projects shall include Livable Street Elements as required by other adopted plans of the City
 - Livable Street principles will be incorporated into all strategic plans, standards and regulations
 - A goal of the City will be to foster partnerships with other organizations and municipalities in order to further the policy
 - It is recognized that elements may be incorporated incrementally, over time. The City will strive to draw upon all possible funding sources to implement the policy
- A summary of Livable Streets Elements of an Public Improvement Project will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan or the development review of any private development plan that required City Council approval
- Exceptions may be granted under specific conditions with an appropriate study and analysis
- A Livable Streets Advisory Board (LSAB) shall be appointed to advise on methods and procedures, assist with long-range planning, make recommendations to the Council and review and study the City's street design and other relevant ordinances and make recommendations to the City Traffic Engineer and the City Council
 - LSAB may serve as the Bicycle Friendly Advisory Board, for purposes of the Bicycle Friendly Community application and program.

It was commented that it was important that we have strong attendance at the City Council meeting when this policy is considered. It is important to fill the City Council Chambers that evening.

Another draft of the resolution will be shared in the near future after staff review; it is a work in progress.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting: Monday, July 19, 2010, 5:30 PM, City Hall, Howard Conference Room

Likely topics: City staff will give an update on the City's Sidewalk Improvement Program. Michael Park will discuss the 'Safe Routes to School' program.

Submitted by Sharon Quigley