

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2013**

**Members Present:** Andrew Sommer, Sue Davis, Greg Ahrens, David Heise, Elke Boyd, Dan Harder, Christopher Bailey, Brant Kassel, Mike Burden

**Members Absent:** Sarah Anderson

**Others Present:** Rachel Bacon (Staff), Ted Curtis (GetAbout); Charles Sullivan (MoDOT), Ian Thomas (City Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward), Fred Schmidt (City Council, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward), Tyler Avis (Staff), Annette Triplett (Executive Director, PedNet), Lawrence Simonson (PedNet)

**1. Call to Order -- 7:00 pm**

**2. Approval of September 18, 2013 meeting minutes**

- Grammatical/Spelling updates: Heise spelled wrong under item 6; replace Ted Curtis with Richard Stone under item 7.
- Motion by Sue Davis to approve as amended.
- Seconded by Greg Ahrens
- All in favor

**3. Review of the agenda**

**4. Staff/Commission/Council Reports**

- Rachel Bacon
  - Reported that Columbia's application to Bike Friendly Communities was awarded a silver; press release will be Thursday or Friday following commission meeting.
  - Will receive a list of recommendations for improvements.
- Ted Curtis (GetAbout)
  - None

**5. Old Business**

- DRAFT 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Plan Map
  - New draft will be published on the internet on Monday.
  - Elke Boyd requested that New Haven road north to Mexico Gravel be added to the map.
  - Final draft expected December, 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bacon will send out recap to the committee overviewing the purpose of the map.
- 2008 Bicycle Usability Map (Ted Curtis – GetAbout)
  - Discussion with committee over color designation of roads and routes (Green, Yellow, Red).
  - New copy will not be printed for several months
  - Plan to update every year

**6. New Business**

- MoDOT resident engineer Charles Sullivan answered questions about the Stadium intersection upgrades and gave an overview of diamond intersections.

- Discussed safety concerns over medians/pedestrian crossings
- Informed council that audible signals may still be included
  - Committee does not believe that these intersections are high priorities for audible signals.
- Committee asked about how the public will be informed and/or educated on the new intersections and how they operate. How have other cities done this in the past?
- Councilman Ian Thomas raised concerns over three of the new intersections (Stadium/Ash, Stadium/Worley, Stadium/Bernadette) only having three crosswalks in their design.
  - Councilman Fred Schmidt agreed with Mr. Thomas's concerns.
  - Mr. Sullivan answered that the intersections were designed by city contracted engineers and not MoDOT's. Additionally, the engineer claims that the three crossing intersection creates the safest traffic timing situation.
- Committee discussed getting input and feedback from Richard Stine and Scott Bitterman before further discussion.
- Update from PedNet Coalition
  - Annette Triplett (Executive Director)
    - CoMET Campaign
      - Has grant funding support through February
      - City has proposed complete overhaul of the transit system
        - Community input sessions will be starting soon
    - Informed the committee that there is discussion over comingling funds between the city and county to extend transit into the county.
    - Walking School Bus
      - No longer has grant funds
      - PedNet was in discussion with Columbia Public Schools for a partnership so that the program could continue but the school board decided to table the contract.
      - Program postponed for fall semester. First time without the program since 2003.
  - Lawrence Simonson (Safe Routes to school Coordinator)
    - Working with Missouri schools on grant workshops to help them secure funding through grant writing.
      - Workshop is six hours long and free
      - Contacted 450 schools so far
    - Overview of safe routes to bus stop program
    - November 1<sup>st</sup>: Bike Brigade at West Middle

## **7. Public Comment**

- None

## **8. Announcements/Commissioner Comments**

- Mike Burden informed the committee that the Monster Bike Bash is coming up on October 26, 2013.

## **9. Adjournment 8:53 pm**

- Motion by Mike Burden
- Seconded by Sue Davis
- All in favor