



Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

November 14th, 2006

2 East Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building
840 Boonville Springfield, Missouri.

The following members were present:

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8	Kelly Hasner, City of Nixa
Coy Hart, MO Bike Fed	David Hutchison, City of Springfield
Dan Jessen, City of Springfield	Eric Johnson, Springfield/Greene County Parks
Joel Keller, Greene County	Natasha Longpine, OTO
Dan Rudge, OTO	Mandy Taylor, City of Springfield
Dan Watts, SMCOG	Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair, Kelly Hasner, called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.
- 2. Approval of the September 19th, 2006 Minutes:** One correction was made to the minutes, that Kelly Hasner was not at the September 19th meeting. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.
Gardner/Keller
- 3. Approval of the November 14th, 2006 Meeting Agenda:** One addition was made to the meeting agenda. Eric Johnson asked to discuss the Golden Derailleur Award. This was added before Other Business. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.
Hart/Gardner
- 4. Safe Routes to School Enhancement Project Update:** Ozark Greenways received a \$25,000 Enhancement Grant for a project total of \$35,400 with match. The grant enables an MPO-wide Safe Routes to School promotion program. This will include materials for promoting bicycle, walking, and taking the bus, as well as signage, classroom curriculum, and other ways to help schools and organizations help themselves.

Safe Routes to School Liability Issues: The discussion on liability first arose when Dawne Gardner received a phone call from a member of the Springfield Public Schools PTA. In Columbia, PedNet carries insurance for \$300 a year to cover their trainers. There is currently lack of knowledge about Springfield's current insurance

coverage. Fortunately, not yet has anyone been held liable for a Walking Schoolbus program. The trend is that liability happens once a problem is recognized and not addressed. Springfield Public Schools are looking into what other places are doing. Ms. Gardner recommended the approach that the schools look to education rather than a program. The motion was made that the Advisory Committee's position be that though no case law has been found to support the need for liability, it is better to err on the side of caution and that the schools need to check with their insurance carriers. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.

Gardner/Johnson

- 5. Safe Routes to School Regional Meeting:** The State Safe Routes to School grant applications are due online by January 31, 2007. The program is statewide competitive with \$1.6 million available. The maximum amount to be awarded for infrastructure will be \$250,000 while the maximum for non-infrastructure will be \$25,000. Applicants must get a userID and apply online. Once the application has been submitted to MoDOT Central Office, the districts will have an opportunity to evaluate. Each project requires a 25-year commitment as well.

Willard is applying to install flashing crosswalks. Springfield would like flashers in all school zones. Terry Whaley commented that it would be nice for an application to come from the entire MPO area, perhaps to employ a part-time bicycle-pedestrian coordinator who can do displays in the schools and such. Coy Hart would like to see a larger statewide program.

- 6. Gold Derailleur Award:** This is a first time awards program to honor individual(s) who have in some way contributed significantly toward the promotion of bicycling in Greene County. The winner will be announced at the Ozark Greenways Annual Meeting in early 2007.
- 7. Other Business:** Coy Hart mentioned that there is a Safe Routes to School Training in Kansas City and thought it would be good for someone local to attend, plus he would like for more training sessions to be available.

- 8. Adjournment:** Adjourned.

Hutchison/Whaley

**The next meeting will be held January 16, 2007.*