

Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

Meeting Notes



Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B, Lawrence Public Library

707 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044

- I. Welcome and introductions Attendees: Tess Banion, Alan Black, Carol Bowen, Eileen Horn, Robert Lewis, Erin Paden, Gary Webber
- II. Old Business
 1. Monitor and participate in pedestrian issues addressed by city and county. (Gary W.)
 - a. First draft of CIP has been released as part of the first draft of the [2018 budget](#). Webber reported that 5-year CIP proposed by the City Manager starts with \$450K this year and in 2018, then in increasing amounts for the next four years, ending at \$1m in 2022.
 - b. Plan for the upcoming City Commission election. We brainstormed questions to the candidates to submit to League of Women Voters.
 - i. Are you in favor of the current method of funding sidewalk repair?
 - ii. Are you in favor of using city funds for sidewalk repair?
 - iii. Are you in favor of using infrastructure sales tax for these repairs?
 - iv. Do you favor the current complaint-based system of repair?
 - v. Do you support Safe Routes to School?
 - vi. Do you support continuous CIP funding of bike/ped infrastructure?
 - vii. Are you aware that crossing guards are employed by the LPD, and are not affiliated with USD 497?
 2. Organize a second Town Meeting. (Erin P.) Erin contacted Bicycle Unchained, and they are willing to be co-sponsor and receive funds as 501C3. Erin needs an active subcommittee, especially since she will be out of town from June 20 to August 5. Gary will also be gone July 15 – August 15.
 3. Advocate for abandoning current sidewalk maintenance program. (Bonnie U.)
 - a. Equitable Funding meeting on May 8. Webber reported on the meeting. See notes following.
 4. Support implementation of Safe Routes to Schools. (Tess B.)
 - a. Safe Routes Champions training event: Banion reported on the April 30 meeting. A date has been set, Aug. 29, for the training session. The participants divided up the schools and pledged to recruit 3 champions from each. The participants have not received a list of school contacts and talking points from Michael Showalter. Also, we have not heard from Bryan regarding dates Fenton is available. Banion will prompt Showalter and Bryan. **NOTE: Showalter sent the list of school contacts soon after the meeting.**
 - b. Letter to School Board regarding getting involved in SRTS (Carol B.) Carol will write the letter, members will review and edit.
 5. Develop a long-term plan for the structure and viability of PedCo. (Charlie B.) Tabled, Bryan absent.
- III. New Business
 1. Walk Friendly Community silver designation (Horn) Eileen explained the [Community Report Card](#).
 2. City Auditor position in jeopardy. The 2018 budget calls for the elimination of the City Auditor position for the second time in as many years. If members feel this position of valuable, they are encouraged to make their opinion known to the City Commission.
- IV. Additional items from participants
- V. Announcements
- VI. **Next PedCo Meeting:** Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Meeting Room B, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044