Meeting Minutes
Bike/Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

<u>Attendees</u>

Committee members and liaisons - Joe Blankenship, Teresa Kelly, Kyle Rogler, Laura Steele
Guests – Jose Leon

Call to Order by Joe Blankenship

Old Business

- **Leadership of Committee**
  o After tonight's meeting Committee member Kyle Rogler would be leading the committee by setting the agenda and recording of minutes.

New Business

- **Public Works Introduction**
  o Jose Leon was present to give an update to the Bike/Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Committee on Roeland Sidewalks and future items being undertaken by Public Works.
  o Joe Blankenship noted that he will contact Jose Leon regarding additional data points to complete the Walk-Friendly Application.
- **Public Works Future Projects**
  o Jose Leon informed the committee that Public works will begin major road improvement projects with an emphasis on the integrating the MARC proposed bike routes.
    ▪ The current MARC bike plan proposes a bike route through Roeland Park starting at Merriam Lane and following Roe Lane to Roe Boulevard.
    ▪ The route continues from Roe Lane along 50th Terrace to Cedar St.
    ▪ From 50th Terrace, the route follows Cedar St to 51st Street.
    ▪ The route continues down 51st Street to Nall Avenue.
  o Jose Leon stated that Public Works will have a large stormwater project in 2017 on Roe Lane.
    ▪ This project will include street and sidewalk work
    ▪ It was observed that residents at Woodview Apartments regularly use the road to walk and bike to shops.
    ▪ Jose Leon noted that the initial plan is to include a shared bike lane (sharrow) as part of the improvements.
      - Joe Blankenship asked if there would be any Right-Of-Way Acquisition required to make these improvements
      - Jose Leon noted that there was no acquisition, but the limited Right-of-Way would be an issue.
      - Joe Blankenship asked if there would be sidewalks on one-side of both sides.

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- Jose Leon answered that sidewalks would be provided on both sides.
- Jose Leon noted as part of the improvements there is a stormwater concrete ditch liner on the east side of Roe Lane. Public Works is looking to avoid changes to this infrastructure due to cost.
- Joe Blankenship asked about the lane widths on Roe Lane
- Jose Leon noted that Roe Lane did not seem wide enough for additional improvements beyond a sharrow
- Joe Blankenship noted that a protected bicycle recommended width is 5 ft. and to see if this could be included.
- Jose Leon noted that Roe Lane is a county collector road and there may be particular provisions.
   o Jose Leon presented the 5-year plan that Public Works plans on pursuing for additional road improvements.
      - In 2018 Public works will add bike infrastructure to Cedar St, 51st, and 50th St.
      - In 2019, Public Works will add bike infrastructure to Nall Avenue from 51st to 58th.
      - In 2020, Public Works will then look at Roe Boulevard
         - On February 15th, Jose Leon plans to discuss the approach on Roe Boulevard's with Council as they will be discussing budget related items.
         - The improvements would take place from KDOT's Right of Way at I-35 to Johnson Drive.
         - Jose Leon is looking to partner with Wyandotte County with improvements and they are very supportive.
         - Joe Blankenship recommended that Jose Leon speak with staff at Wyandotte County.
      - Joe Blankenship complimented Public Works for utilizing the MARC bike plan as this will help Roeland Park connect to a larger regional bike network.
      - Joe Blankenship cautioned the use of sharrows for bike infrastructure
         - Joe Blankenship stated that while sharrow markings help with informing drivers, they do not approve the safety of the cyclist.
         - If the aim is to provide safety to cyclists, then another approach will need to be taken.
      - Joe Blankenship and Kyle Rogler offered to provide potential designs of Roe Boulevard with safety in mid
         - Jose Leon noted that cross-sections of Roe Boulevard would be helpful.
         - Jose Leon noted that the time table is short as Public Works needs to submit budget plans in March.
         - Joe Blankenship asked if there was any right of way information.

- Jose Leon said there was in the form of old drawings. Jose Leon would provide this data to Joe Blankenship and Kyle Rogler.
- Jose Leon noted that for Roe Boulevard there will need to be collaboration with the cities of Fairway and Mission regarding Roe Boulevard and Mission Road.
  - Joe stated that the Johnson County CARS program is seeking to be more multi-modal.
  - Teresa Kelly stated that Fairway will likely be seeking more collaboration as the city is becoming the caretakers of the Mission Historical Site with state funds gone. Teresa Kelly stated that is be good to have the various improvements all connected.
    - Jose Leon noted for improvements for Mission Road that we would need to collaborate with the city of Westwood.
  - Kyle Rogler asked if engineering drawings would be need for the submission.
    - Jose Leon noted that Engineering Drawings would be provide for construction, but not for the submission. The submission is more concerned about the monetary costs. Depending on what is done (adding walkways, new curb) this would affect the cost.
  - Joe Blankenship asked about the current rough cost estimate.
    - Jose Leon stated that funding resources would provide 80% of the costs and the City of Roeland Park currently has budgeted $1.5 Million for Roe Boulevard improvements resulting in a total project of $4.5 million.
    - Joe Blankenship noted that the City of St. Louis was able to add bike infrastructure quite inexpensively, but Joe Blankenship noted concerns about the Right of Way width.
  - Joe Blankenship asked if the center grass median would be considered for removal
    - Jose Leon noted that a cost benefit analysis would be needed to justify removing the median.
    - Jose Leon added that adding new curb would be the most expensive part of the Roe Boulevard renovation.
  - Jose Leon noted that there has been no design put forth and that a good cost estimate would be needed to help with the submission of the plan.
  - Jose Leon stated that on February 15th the City Council would be reviewing budget items and this would be part of the conversation.
  - Teresa Kelly asked if the trees along Roe Boulevard would be preserved.
    - Jose Leon stated that these trees are not in the Right of Way and do not belong to the city.
- **Roeland Park Sidewalk Plan**
  - Jose Leon presented to Committee the Roeland Park Sideway Plan

- Jose Leon stated that the current sidewalk plan was made by Larkin.
- Public Works is currently adding sidewalks to the west side of 47th Street.
- Jose Leon stated that Public Works will start to look at overlaying streets that need reconstruction and perform sidewalk improvements at the same time.
  - Joe Blankenship noted that the recent Roeland Park Strategic Vision highlighted citizen response to connectivity and walkability.
  - Joe Blankenship noted that Roeland Park is part of Johnson County's Live Well Initiative which is supportive of bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- Teresa Kelly stated that the Sustainability Committee has been talking with the City of Mission to look at partnership on pedestrian improvements.
  - Teresa Kelly stated as part of the partnership the group is looking to have a joint presentation.
- Jose Leon stated the SKW has been providing Roeland Park with of grant opportunities for road improvements. Currently there are about 20 grants.
  - Jose Leon would distribute the list.

- **New Business**
  - Teresa Kelly suggested that the Committee talk with City Manager Keith Moody on a Nall Avenue Alternate route as well as a median of trees.
    - Joe Blankenship noted that a working session could be scheduled.
  - Teresa Kelly stated that the head of the Sustainability Committee would like to have a meeting with the other chairs of the various Roeland Park committees to build upon what each committee is working on.
  - Kyle Rogler stated that as part of the Planning Commission, a Sustainable Code Audit was provided by MARC
    - Kyle Rogler looked over the document and believed for the committee that the group could look at Chapter 16-1413 which is about street design guidelines.
      - Roeland Park's street design standards do not include any urban design or transport planning standards.
      - Kyle Rogler noted that there are various standards that could be looked at like the NACTO Urban Street Guidelines.
      - Teresa Kelly asked if Kyle Rogler could share the Sustainable Code Audit with the Sustainability Committee.
        - Kyle Rogler stated that he would share this document.
  - Teresa Kelly requested that the committee meet with Michael Kelly and she be willing to do introductions.
  - Joe Blankenship stated that it be good to identify someone to help Jose Leon with the STP grant.

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- o Teresa Kelly stated that at the last meeting of MARC's 1st Ring Suburbs that there will be three new grants coming up.
  - ▪ Teresa Kelly will make copies of MARC's grants.
- o Kyle Rogler and Joe Blankenship would call regarding the road design of Roe Boulevard.
- o Kyle Rogler will be setting the next meeting's agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Regular Meeting Time: Thursday, February 17th, 6:00pm.

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