



Mayor's Task Force on University City's Bike & Walkability

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Meeting Notes – University City Bike and Walkability Task Force

December 6, 2011 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: University City Centennial Commons – Board Room
Attendees: John Watson; Jerry Breakstone; Beverly Jane Spudich; Margaret Johnson; Carol Wofsey, Linda Fried; Lynnette Hicks(City of University City); Sarah Hanly; Arno Perlow; Kevin Neill (Trailnet); Rich Wilson; Melissa Alper (intern with City of University City); Timothy Breihan (H3); Sinan Alpasian (City of University City); Patrick Owens (GRG)
Absent: Nick Fredericksen; Jan Adams; Jane Schaefer

1) Approval of agenda
Approved, with the proviso that the group would consider item #5 (draft master plan) first, since John Watson has to leave early

2) Approval of minutes of previous meeting and any admin issues
Approved.

3) Draft master plan

Melissa distributed a copy of a map of the city marked with questions about the plan she has collected from the task force. John distributed a copy of the Ferguson plan, both map and narrative, so that we could review the likely format.

Kevin pointed out the following priorities in the revisions to the plan presented—

- A. Managing signalized intersections. This consideration drove the change from Gannon to a more northern route, for instance.
- B. St Louis County restrictions and the desire not to go head to head with St. Louis County
- C. The wish to increase connectivity of parks, schools and existing routes

The group then discussed the revisions suggested in the newest drafts. The following points were made—

Physical changes to traffic flow may be necessary on Pennsylvania and/or Vernon and/or the Purdue/Olive crossing, based on this new draft

The narrative and the draft map will need to carefully and completely define facilities in terms lay people will understand, specifically what a bike lane is, what sharrows and super sharrows are, and what a bike/walk street is

If we wish to advocate for signage or a crosswalk at Centennial Commons going north across Olive, we will need to advocate this outside of the draft plan

We should consider continuing along Etzel to Olive and making Groby in its entirety a bike/walk boulevard

The path along Wild Cherry/Burr oak/Warder needs to be clarified

The route along Amherst to Pennsylvania should perhaps be moved to Stanford or Cornell

Graphics are important in explaining the plan and for implementation and we are interested in U City unique graphics that will complement universal graphics

The School District reportedly is against a route next to Brittany Woods middle school next to the golf course

Perhaps the route should go through Parkview to join up with the city of St Louis route(s)
Provision must be made to negotiate route in private subdivisions

Kevin then explained how the implementation section of the plan will be structured. It will most likely contain three priority levels and a list of projects. It will be tied to a phasing strategy but will not be an actual phasing plan. The City would be able to do projects out of order as money came in. Projects could include tests.

The draft plan may go to City Council for a work session on January 23, then next to the Plan Commission for consideration and then formally to the City Council for debate and adoption in late February or perhaps later.

Margaret thanked all for the presentation, and said we looked forward to working on the reports in January.

4) Complete Streets Legislation—Lynnette reported that this is back from counsel's review.

Time permitting no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.