

TONGANOXIE PLANNING COMMISSION
Work Session Minutes
March 4, 2010

Call to Order – The Planning Commission met for a work session at 8:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. Members present were Commissioners, Joel Skelley, John Morgan, Bill Peak, Josh Mast, Kathy Bard, Kevin Kokes and Patty Hagg.

Work Session – Discuss Tonganoxie Trails and Workability Plan

Kathy stated she was a member of the Leavenworth County Trails Committee. Their next meeting will be Monday, March 8th. They have been discussing ways to connect existing and new trails in Leavenworth, Lansing, Basehor, and Tonganoxie through the county to connect to the proposed Metro Green Corridor.

Kevin stated the Greenway Corridor included a large portion of land along Stranger Creek that could be dedicated to Future Park area with off road trail that connect to other parks and trails within the county.

The committee discussed destination places in Tonganoxie and ways to link trails and walkways to the Fairgrounds and Ball fields and using the old railway corridor to provide a link to Lawrence.

The committee also discussed types of street corridors, width of sidewalks, designated bike lanes on roadways. Kathy stated the TEAP grants would pay for some of the engineering studies for Washington St. from Hwy 24/40 to East St., Church St. from Washington St. to 4th St. and a new frontage road to connect Ridge St. and Woodfield Dr to Laming Rd north of Hwy 24/40.

Kevin discussed the draft trails map that listed destination spots, stream ways, existing sidewalks and trails.

The committee discussed the need for public involvement, developing a Capital Improvement Plan, funding, adding phases for trail and sidewalk completion.

The committee directed Kevin to provide definitions for trails, sidewalks and bike lanes and to develop policy statements for a plan that could be adopted and become part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

With no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved: _____

Submitted by: Patty Hagg