



*Mission: RISE Cowley promotes healthy lifestyles by collaborating to raise awareness and encourage involvement for residents of Cowley County, Kansas.*

## **Subcommittee Report**

**Committee Name:** Community Policy

**Short-term Outcomes:**

**Intermediate Outcomes:**

**Long-term Outcomes:**

**Chair of Committee:** Andrew Lawson

**Committee Members:** *Present:* Richard Hensley, Andrew Lawson, Troy Moree, Tim Nihart, Tara Sutton, Charissa Wall; *Invited:* Wendy Burton, Jeri Crumbliss; *Guests:* Joan Cales, Kammy Downs, Becky Reid, Rhoda MacLaughlin-Ramirez, Mendy Pfannenstiel, Taylor Schwartz, Marjorie Snyder, Sarah Werner

**Date of Last meetings:** April 11, 2018; June 6, 2018 (*only 3 members present for abbreviated discussion*)

**Date of Next meeting:** 2 p.m. August 29, 2018, College Hill Coffee or Steamy Joe

**Action Items In Progress/Pending:**

- **Active Living**
  - **Bike Share:** Had a great discussion and identified several challenges to local implementation that would have to be addressed in a possible pilot program: staff time, countywide deployment, checkout method, storage space, downtown bicycle prohibitions, connectivity, etc.
    - Three subcommittees were formed to address specific areas of fact-finding need:
      - **Pilot/Logistics Subcommittee:** Troy Moree, Mendy Pfannenstiel, Rhoda MacLaughlin-Ramirez, Tim Nihart, Sarah Werner
      - **Sidewalk Policy Subcommittee:** Andrew Lawson, Tim Nihart, Tara Sutton, Sarah Werner
      - **Survey Subcommittee:** Mendy Pfannenstiel, Becky Reid, Taylor Schwartz
        - 1-month usage survey to consist of 5 questions, should begin by Aug. 15
  - **Budget Requirements:** Undetermined (*Pilot/Logistics Subcommittee will be exploring this*)
  - **Trails Master Plan:** Andrew and Tim are working to combine cities' GIS data showing current and planned trails. Discussed producing some kind of brochure or other printed map for this.
  - **"Trail in a Box":** Preliminary discussion about possibility/usefulness of creating local unit.
- **Healthy Eating**
  - Brief discussion; Becky Reid suggested supporting Food Retail/Restaurants Pathway as needed

- **Tobacco Control**

- **Tobacco 21:** Public Health Law Center recommends not abandoning this line of policy despite ongoing Topeka lawsuit. More research is needed.
- **Smoke-Free Parks:** Updated policy members on plans to initiate RESIST chapter first.
- **RESIST:** Essay contest will run either Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 or Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Joan Cales, Andrew Lawson, Taylor Schwartz and Charissa Wall will be the judges. Open to all ages. \$100 cash reward to winner. Essays must be at least 300 words long (may vary slightly by grade level)
- **Budget Requirements:** \$100 cash prize to essay contest winner, plus promotional costs

**Questions for the Steering Committee:**

- Is steering committee/coalition approval required before proceeding with pilot program design?

**Other Comments:** I feel like this committee is finally energized and we can get some solid work done now.

**Submitted by:** Andrew Lawson

**Date Submitted:** 6/27/2018

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