

Dear Lawrence City Commissioners:

My name is Jim Fritton and I have been a homeowner since 2002 in the Prairie Park neighborhood.

A couple of years ago I was in Boulder on leisure, and rented a B Bike that was located downtown.

I really enjoyed this experience and thought Lawrence might be a good place to also have B Bikes.

Recently, our neighbors in Topeka have started the program, with locations including Lake Shawnee, as well as downtown Topeka, and Washburn University.

Also, Kansas City Mo has several B Bike stations, including the Plaza, downtown, and the Trolley Trail on Wornall. The Kansas City B Bike stations, have a flat \$3 per 30 minute rate. In other words, if someone rented a B Bike there for 60 minutes, it would cost them \$6 total. No other fees are charged to the renter. This rate seems a little high, but as we know everything is higher in metro areas. A rate of perhaps \$2.50 per 30 minutes, seems fair for a smaller community such as Lawrence. The user would pay this fee by credit card.

I believe the B Bike location in downtown Lawrence would be a great location with possibly a 2nd location near the Hyvee store on 23rd. Here the B Bikes would be near the trails at Clinton Lake, for bike riders to have access to.

If the program is successful, as hopefully it will be, then one or two additional locations might be considered in the future.

A low cost option:

To cut the cost of the program down, a local business such as a grocery store, could help finance the program, and in return the business could get advertising on the bike. I know some of the businesses in Boulder have become partners with the B Bike program there. That could be an option to cut the costs down to finance the bikes and the stands.

Hopefully you will consider investing in the B Bikes, as so many of our neighbors in the region have.

Jim