

Bike Rack Design Competition

The City of Emporia, in partnership with the Multi-Use Path Planning Board, Emporia Main Street, and Flint Hills Technical College, is sponsoring a bicycle rack design competition for downtown Emporia. The purpose of this project is to beautify the community and encourage alternative transportation by providing aesthetically-pleasing parking options for cyclists.

Now is the time to get those creative gears turning! The competition is open to all members of the greater Emporia community, and submissions will be accepted until October 30, 2009. The winning design(s) will exhibit a balance of both form and function, providing an artistic and secure place to park. See below for further submission guidelines. The winner(s) will receive a gift certificate from Emporia Main Street.

Entries must be two-dimensional, including front and side views and dimensions. Submit your design via email (PDF) or hard copy by October 30, 2009, including your name and contact information, to one of the following locations:

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Submission Guidelines

All entries will be judged on the following criteria by a selection committee:

- **Security.** The ability to lock the bicycle frame securely to the rack is essential. In addition, designs must allow for at least one wheel to be secured to the rack. Racks should accommodate most sizes (child and adult) and shapes of bicycle frames and wheels, as well as commonly available locks, such as u-locks and chains.
- **Safety and Ease of Use.** All rack designs must be safe for pedestrians and bicyclists. With bicycles attached, the rack should be no wider than 6 feet (the length of most bicycles), and no more than 10 feet in length. Additionally, bicycles should not have to be lifted off the ground to be secured to the rack. Function and bicycle position should be evident, and the design should be user-friendly.
- **Durability.** Racks must be designed to withstand all weather conditions as well as heavy recreational use. They will be permanent installations, installed in a concrete surface, and must require little to no maintenance. Designs must also ensure that bicycles are not damaged as a result of rack usage (no sharp edges that will scratch frames, e.g.).
- **Form and Relationship to Surroundings.** Designs must accommodate at least 4, but no more than 8 bicycles. Racks should complement their surroundings and fit in well with other sidewalk fixtures. Aesthetically, designs should either hold universal appeal or reference a unique feature of Emporia's downtown district. For more information about Emporia Main Street's sub-district designs, visit www.emporiainmainstreet.com, click on "links", and then "Emporia Downtown Design Guidelines". Each sub-district may provide a different design opportunity.

Winning design(s) may be adapted to fit available materials and/or locations.

Bicycle Rack Locations

Up to 12 racks will be installed along Commercial Street from 4th Ave. to 12th Ave., with the possibility of future expansion to other areas.

Bicycle racks are also open to sponsorship by organizations, businesses, or individuals. For more information about sponsoring a rack, please contact Casey Woods or Rachael LeClear at the numbers above.