

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
April 16, 2019**

Meeting was called to order of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee at 1:30pm April 16, 2019 by Chairperson Cass in the Mollenhoff Room, City Hall, 7:15 Mulberry Street.

Roll Call: Members present were: Felicia Cass, Will Frost, Pat Morrissey, Brian Schoon, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Paul Huting, Ray Feuss, Aric Schroeder and Mohammad Elahi.

Members absent were: Dan Trelka, Jessica Rucker, Jeff Bales, Kevin Blanshan, Abraham Funchess, and Greg Young.

Also present: Larry Wiele – AECOM; Mark Kuiper – Kuiper/Ritland; Sandi Greco – Traffic Operations Superintendent; and John Dornoff – Planning and Zoning Staff.

It was moved by Morrissey, seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Jefferson/Commercial

- Mark Kuiper from Kuiper/Ritland and Larry Wiele from AECOM went over the proposals for the Commercial/Jefferson streetscape program.
- Jefferson and Commercial are important connections in town.
 - Support recent private investments.
 - Provide East/West connections.
 - Creating a loop between TechWorks and the commercial districts.
 - Increase parking on 2nd.
- There will be a new street crossing between the east and west sides of Jefferson between Winterbottom and the Courtyard by Marriott.
- 10' Foot trail on the east side of Jefferson north of 1st street.
- Tying into the enhancements along US Highway 63.
- North of 1st will be done this year, the rest of Jefferson in 2020, and Commercial in 2021 after street reconstruction is done.
- Going to try a product that is designed to reduce weeds.
 - Cleaner than using crates.
- Will use bricks on the corners.
- From Highway 63 north the improvements will not affect roadway, all will be back of curb improvements.
- Pedestrian lighting along Jefferson with nautical theme to the north and more modern fixtures to the south.
- The city is responsible for trails – anything over 5' wide.
- Will create pedestrian route from the Courtyard by Marriott to Young Arena since the Courtyard has been attracting a large number of hockey teams.
- Need to redesign the parking lot for sports plex to make the crossing safer to the building.

US Highway 63

- Four Iowa DOT projects:
 - South – Jefferson to Franklin.
 - Middle – Franklin to Newell.
 - Enhancements – south of the river.
 - Enhancements – north of the river.
- Enhancements on railroad bridge will include the trail along with limestone fixtures.
- Trees and lighting on trail and culvert under the bridge.
- Adding streetscaping items.
- Looking to make improvements under US Highway 218.
- Looking to put more lighting under the bridge.

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- Negotiating with the city on design.

Lincoln Park

- Bid by Woodruff Construction was lower than expected.
- Classic design for park with period pedestrian fixtures.
- 18' wide cement walkways.
- Whimsical Chess Board with regulation chess boards also.
- Dane chimes in the center area.
- Giving to create a Central Park feel.
- There will be nothing permanent at Mulberry and Park due to the number of vehicles using the point for event staging.
- Looking to use remaining money on additional amenities such as fiber to city hall for cameras.

Marina

- Using transportation alternative funds to create a marina for kayaks.
- Funds could be available by October.
- Possible Curling facility behind the Courtyard could create a sports area.
- Long term looking to have a building with retail to serve the marina and bike traffic.

University Avenue

- Contractor working on the remaining portions of phase 1 including the trails and sidewalks.
- Phase 2 will take place this year and next.
- Phase 3 will let next winter and be the final phase including the Leland connection.
- The final design on the trail connection to Greenhill Road has not been finalized as the bridge over Greenhill will be part of phase 3.

Ridgeway Traffic Study

- The study started today (April 16) and will take one year.
- The study will look at US Highway 63 to Kimball and there are no plans to continue the study east of Kimball.
- The contractor will come back with a variety of options and solutions to the corridor.
- Pedestrian and cycling needs will be looked at in the study.

5th/6th Street Conversion Study

- The traffic department has no plans to do a study and make the streets two-way.
- CIP may have money for the study.
- Greco questions the need to make it two way and notes that it will be an extensive project since it goes from six-corners to MLK, JR. Drive.
- Morrissey explained the talk of a two way conversion started with the study to improve the traffic lights and the idea has been pushed by David Deeds and Will Frost, amongst others, with indication that conversion of one-way streets to two-way helps promote economic development of the area.

Sidewalk Policy

- Cass, Schroeder, Knutson, and Castle met and discussed the infill policy.
- Currently drafting policy.
- Once policy is done Knutson will take it to the Mayor to see what the next step should be.
- Two prong approach: one with street recon and one with small less than a block projects.
- Also need to look at updating the Subdivision Ordinance that is 41 years old.

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Planning Commission

- There is a rezone along Elk Run Road on land that the city annexed last year. Discussion ensued about the travel needs to both John Deere and Tyson. John Deere employees would like to see a trail along Donald but there are many difficulties due to the narrowness of the road and ditches.
- Proposal to vacate a portion of Bluff Street that has not been used for many years.

La Porte/Hess

- AECOM has been selected as the consultant.
- MPO/Federal aid funding.
- New rules so funding swaps cannot be used for studies but can be used for preliminary design.
- The project will be at least two years out.
- It was stated that bike and pedestrian accommodations need to be stressed in this project since there is very poor access in the area currently.

Park and 11th Street Bridges

- Stanley Consultants will do the consulting on the project.
- Funding for the project has not been announced yet.

Morrissey Observations from Italy

- There are small roundabouts all over Europe.
- The European Union has a priority statement that says roundabouts will be the first priority.
- All the roads Morrissey observed in Europe were asphalt.

Discussion

- Leseman's presentation on heat maps will be moved to the May meeting.
- May 8th Morrissey will have meeting with Elahi to go over final bike ordinance proposal and then there will be a work session on May 13th.
- CIP Update in May.

Adjournment

Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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