

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
January 30, 2024**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm on January 30, 2024, by Chairperson Young in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

Roll Call: Members present: David Sturch, Jessica Rucker, Aric Schroeder, Paul Huting, Curtis Young, John Dornoff, Kyle Durant, and Dwight Diercks.

Members absent were: Felicia Cass, Kathryn Gilbery, Oumie Ceesay, and Ray Feuss.

Other attendees: Mohammad Elahi – Traffic Department; Brenda Vavroch – INRCOG, Michelle Sweeney, and Doug Schindel – AECOM; and Calvin Horn.

It was moved by Rucker and seconded by Huting to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. AECOM Project Updates

- Sweeney gave an update on projects that AECOM is working on:
- La Porte Road.
 - The project has received 28.5 million in Federal Funding.
 - The goal is to reconstruct the entire corridor from just north of the new roundabout at Shaulis Road to its connection with US Highway 218 north of Mitchell Avenue.
 - The corridor study and NEPA review are done.
 - Phase 1 is waiting on the agreement between the cities and the Federal Government.
 - Sweeney went over what each of the segments would look like.
 - There will be a recreational trail along the west side of the entire corridor and a sidewalk on the east side along portions where it will fit.
 - The speed limit will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph south of Grimm Street.
 - A Rapid Flashing Beacon will be installed at Bopp Street.
 - The estimated cost of the total project is \$40 million, with the local match being \$8 million.
 - Phase one will hopefully be let in July with the project starting in August and the entire section from Grimm Street to Shaulis will be closed at times during the project.
- Gates Park.
 - Currently in the middle of a 2-year construction project.
 - The soccer fields have been completed.
 - The splash pad will hopefully open in May.
 - The project should be done by 2025.
- Byrnes Park
 - Remodeling of the bathhouse is currently underway.
 - In fall, the pump house, pool, and civil site will start construction.
- Bridges
 - The Park Avenue Bridge should open in July.
 - 11th Street Bridge should open in December.
 - Punch list items will be completed in 2025.
 - The dam should be fully inflated this summer.

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2. Park Avenue Bike Lane Enhancements

- Young asked what the status is and whether the enhancements would be done when the bridge opens.
- City is looking for grants to pay for the enhancements although some of it can be done with in-house funds or staff. No timeline identified yet since it is not yet fully funded.
- The goal is to have the portion on the north side of the bridge done when it opens.
- The project will include green paint for the bike lanes.
- When the south side of the bridge will get done and new signage is done it is a matter of available funding.
- The bike lanes will be at least 6' wide.
- There will be a buffer between the bike lane and parking cars.

3. Parklets

- The Parklet Ordinance was approved by the City Council along with the new Sidewalk Café Ordinance that covers outdoor seating areas on the public sidewalk.
- The businesses will have to stop serving to the Parklets at midnight but at the sidewalk cafes at 2 am.
- Parklets can only be on streets with a speed limit of 25mph or under.
- Main Street is currently meeting with businesses about the program.
- Hoping to have 4 Parklets running this spring.
- ADA compliance is mandatory.
- There will be a work session on Parking on February 19th.

4. Small Scale Projects

- Looking to develop a list of inexpensive small projects to get easy wins.
- One suggestion is wayfinding signs along trails.
- Possible lighting of the Sergeant Road trail under US Highway 218, which would require the cooperation of the Iowa Department of Transportation; however, they will not pay for it.
- The problem is there is no power source close to the underpass.
- Need to figure out how to get to implementation.
- Cedar Valley Trails Partnership has a grant for up to \$4,000
- Need to get a list and prioritize projects.
- There was a discussion on what the Complete Streets Advisory Committee has accomplished.
- Committee members should think about possible projects and bring back ideas next month, where they will plan to be discussed and ranked.

5. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder noted that the February meeting was cancelled due to a lack of items.

6. Other Project Status Updates

- Vision Zero
 - Grant received to cover Downtown Waterloo although there was no response for the RFP.
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities are 26% of all traffic related fatalities in Waterloo compared to 7% nationally.

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- East High
 - Meeting will be held with school district on February 6th.

Discussion Items:

- There was no discussion items.

Adjournment

Young adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dornoff".

John Dornoff
Planner II