

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
January 28, 2020**

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

Roll Call: Members present were: Mohammad Elahi, Will Frost, Brian Schoon, Paul Huting, Pat Morrissey, Aric Schroeder, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Jessica Rucker, and Kevin Blanshan.

Members absent were: Ray Feuss, Dan Trelka, Felicia Cass, Jeff Bales, Abraham Funchess, and Greg Young.

Also present: Michelle Sweeney – AECOM; Jaime Knutson – City Engineer; Matt Schindel – Engineering, Sandi Greco – Traffic Operations and Animal Control Director; Noel Anderson – Community Planning and Development Director; John Dornoff – Planning and Zoning Staff; Eric Donat and Patricia Serfling – Planning, Programming, and Zoning Commission.

It was moved by Huting, seconded by Schoon to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

It was moved by Morrissey, seconded by Schoon to nominate Felicia Cass as Chairperson and Cody Leseman as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Blanshan transferred control of the meeting to Leseman.

University Avenue

- Sweeney noted that the design plans were approved by the City Council last night January 27, 2020.
- Portion from Ansborough to Sager Avenue is completed.
- A direct access from westbound University to South Hackett has been designed with Phase 2.
- Donat asked if handicapped ramps are included with the sidewalks along the corridor to which Sweeney said yes.
- By the end of the 2020 construction season, Phase 2 should be done.
- Mid-American has agreed to move power poles on Fletcher to allow for the connection of sidewalks being installed on University but were not able to get an agreement to move the pole on Ansborough to create a connection at the NW corner of Ansborough and University.
- The bus shelters that are to be installed are the same type as those that are installed in Cedar Falls.
- The trailhead at the Sergeant Road Trail and University Avenue will be constructed as part of the project.
- All neighborhood sidewalks will be connected to the sidewalks on University.
- There will also be wayfinding along the whole corridor.
- Work on the Fletcher Bridge and the Fletcher Flood Gates will also be done in conjunction with the project.
- A new Hanna monument is included in the project.
- Acceleration and Deceleration lanes are included at the current log site.
- Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in May, 2020 and Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

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- Street signs on traffic signals masts will be backlit.
- Sweeney showed sign renderings, gateway features, and intersection markers.
- Final project cost estimated at \$35 million.

Ridgeway Avenue

- Mohammad noted that the study is still underway.
- It has been noted that Prospect Blvd, Sheridan, and Ansborough will not work with the 3-lane concept.
- Will be put on the next agenda.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Schroeder stated that there has been several items to come up during Planning and Zoning Commission meetings when it comes to sidewalks so commission members Donat and Serfling came today to discuss them.
- Donat discussed the problems that sidewalks are not required on private property but may be needed to access building from public infrastructure. He also discussed the problems of snow removal from sidewalks as someone in a wheelchair and the overall deficiencies in the sidewalk network, and lack of consistency with the sidewalk policy.
- Schroeder discussed a new industrial plat along Marnie Avenue that came before the commission with the discussion being if the developer would be required to put in sidewalks there is no plans to put in sidewalks along the rest of Marnie Avenue at any time in the future so there would be no connections to the sidewalks.
- Donat stated that another major issue was sidewalks in existing shopping districts and a map of future sidewalk projects would be helpful.
- It was also suggested that the committee needs to look at the removal of remote sidewalks that will never be connected.
- Discussion of the poor sidewalk connections to George Washington Carver Academy. The new clinic will be responsible for putting in a sidewalk along Louise Street.
- Schroeder went over the items of interest on the Planning, Programming, and Zoning Commission agenda including the replacing of Lowell Elementary that already has sidewalk connections and a Salvage Yard expansion on Sheffield Avenue in an area without sidewalks. There was a discussion on a possible connection from the Riverview Recreation Area to Mitchell Avenue west of US Highway 218 however, it was noted that there is a lot of truck and tractor movements in the area from the salvage yards which may make any connection unsafe.

Downtown Trees

- Rucker said that there has been no real progress on the tree plan.
- JSA put together a plan for Mulberry Street across from Lincoln Park which they own all the property except for Morg's restaurant and also on Lafayette Street.
- Anderson stated that the city could assist in creating the plan.
- Greco said that snow removal also needs to be taken into consideration when adding trees since their department is responsible for removing snow in downtown, and trees and other obstructions can make that difficult.

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Other Project Updates

- Knutson said that the enhancements along US Highway 63 have become trickier than expected but should be proceeding this year.
- Frost asked if it would be possible to put up fences along the corridor or if there is funding to help for the residents to put fences up like the sound walls along highways when it is the rear yard of the homes.

Other Discussion

- Committee discussed requesting a member of Code Enforcement to discuss snow removal from sidewalks, but it was determined to be beyond the scope of the Committee.
- Morrissey discussed the problem of snow around the area of the Bridges Senior Living building.
- Discussion on whether snow removal was an issue for this committee with consensus being that it was not.
- Morrissey noted that RAGBRAI is coming to Waterloo on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020 and Rucker noted that volunteers will be needed as Waterloo will be an overnight stop this year.

Adjournment

Leseman adjourned the meeting at 3:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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