

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
February 18, 2020**

Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:37pm February 18, 2020 by Vice-Chairperson Leseman in the Mollenhoff Room, City Hall, 7:15 Mulberry Street.

Roll Call: Members present were: Brian Schoon, Paul Huting, Pat Morrissey, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Jessica Rucker (arrived at 1:44pm), Kevin Blanshan, and John Dornoff was present as the designated member for Aric Schroeder.

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

It was moved by Huting, seconded by Schoon to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MPO Bikeway Plan

- Leseman presented the bikeway plan and goes over the details of it.
- It was discussed that INRCOG did a traffic study taken into account if all the projects in the bicycle plan were implemented and with roads switched from 4-lanes to 3-lanes, there would virtually no change in traffic congestion.
- The Cedar Valley does not have a congestion problem; instead it has a traffic impatience problem.
- Morrissey asked what would cause the traffic congestion to change to which Blanshan responded it would take a massive increase in population.
- DOT has changed criteria for TAP funding.
- City council passed a resolution supporting the submittal of TAP application for Park Avenue improvements.
- Rucker asked how long the construction of the Park Avenue will and 11th Avenue bridges will take to which Castle responded a minimum of 2 years.
- 6th Avenue will be the bike detour route during construction of the Park Avenue bridge.
- The city has not adopted the bike plan.
- Morrissey asked if the city council should approve the bike plan.

Draft Pedestrian Master Plan

- Would the pedestrian plan be appropriate as a guide for the Planning and Zoning Commission?
- Discussion of Leona Avenue which has sidewalks but does not connect to the sidewalk network on 9th Avenue.
- Discussion of the problems of trying to access Crossroads Mall as a pedestrian. One the theme park opens will commercial development follow along the Hess/La Porte Road corridor but you will not be able to walk in the corridor. However, Castle noted that the Hess/La Porte Road is being studied and sidewalks/trails may come out of that process. It was also noted that Cedar Falls was able to get the owner of College Square Mall who also owns Crossroads to add a private sidewalk connection from University Avenue to the mall.
- Leseman noted that the Cedar Heights area were the most supportive of having sidewalk access to the commercial areas but that was before K-Mart and Hy-Vee closed.

West Ridgeway Avenue

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- Blanshan noted that Ridgeway would be a good 3-lane conversion but does not know if there is the political will to do it.

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Dornoff went over the Planning & Zoning Commission agenda.
- Dollar General is proposing a store just south of the intersection of Dysart/Shaulis/US Highway 218. Discussion if that spot is the best place for a Dollar General with the activity that will be generated by the theme park.
- Discussion on how many people from Cedar Knoll Trailer Park will walk to the store. Also noted that many of these stores will not install bike racks despite the number of their customers who are low income and may not have cars.

It was moved by Blanshan, seconded Morrissey that if a retail business is approved on Dysart that a condition added that requires a pedestrian connection is required from the front of the building to the right-of-way of Dysart. Motion carried unanimously.

Downtown Trees

- Rucker said that there has been no real progress on the tree plan. .

Other Project Updates

- There was a meeting between AECOM, INRCOG, and the city discussing the La Porte/Hess corridor including the possibility of an interchange at Mitchell Avenue.
- Castle noted that there is a lot of big street reconstruction projects coming up which will limit the amount of money available for other projects.

Other Discussion

- Morrissey noted that the city will be creating an update Strategic Plan and complete streets needs to be part of the vision.
- Discussion on how the Complete Streets Committee should be involved in the strategic plan and why the strategic plan should consider complete streets.

Adjournment

Leseman adjourned the meeting at 3:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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