

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
March 26, 2024**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm on March 26, 2024, by Chairperson Young in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

Roll Call: Members present: Kathryn Gilbery, Oumie Ceesay, Jessica Rucker, Aric Schroeder, Paul Huting, Curtis Young, John Dornoff, Dwight Diercks, and Kyle Durant.

Members absent were: Felicia Cass, David Sturch, and Ray Feuss.

Other attendees: Tina Schellhorn – Traffic Department, Aldina Dautovic – INRCOG, Wayne Castle – City of Waterloo Engineering, and Michelle Sweeney – AECOM

It was moved by Huting and seconded by Rucker to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Green Iowa/Tree Planting

- Will need to be moved to next month due to illness.

2. Walkability Survey

- Durant, Dautovic, and Gilbery met to discuss options.
- Looked at the survey that was done in 2021.
- The group went through the walkability report.
- The group checked sidewalks, ADA accessibility, push buttons, etc.
- There is interest in reviewing the north side of the city.
- Concerns about the internal sidewalks to All-in-Grocers. It was noted that Cass wanted a policy on new developments that addressed internal sidewalks.

3. Discussion of trail lighting under US Highway 218 along the Sergeant Road Trail.

- MidAmerican stated that there is power to the end of Falls Avenue.
- Lights along the trail north of US 218 were originally part of the John Deere parking lot and, thus, not part of the lights maintained for the city, and are not usable.
- The estimated cost of installing lights is \$45,000, which includes conduits, a cabinet, and fixtures.
- The work to install the lights will require a permit from the Iowa Department of Transportation.
- Diercks suggested putting a chain link fence up instead, which should be cheaper.
- Discussion on whether fencing would help the situation and how much of a cost difference would be needed to make it the best option.
- Another option would be solar lighting, which could also cause issues during the winter.
- The committee could look at getting a Black Hawk Gaming Grant to pay for the lights.

4. Park Avenue Bike Lanes

- The city received a \$4,000 grant to remove paint for the existing bike lanes along Park Avenue north of the new bridge from Cedar Valley Trails Partnership Grant.
- The new Park Avenue bridge should open in July, and the newly painted bike lanes are planned to be completed at the same time.

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- After the bridge is open then the south side can be looked at.
- It was noted that the section of road from Washington to South Street is in really bad shape, and that it would not be ideal for the bridge to open and have one side of the river with the bike lane along the edge of curb, and the other side with the bike lane between the travel land and parked vehicles.

5. Small Scale Projects

- The goal of the Small Scale Projects is to find projects that can use existing money or small grant funding.
- Signed bike route from Logan to MLK Jr. trail.
 - Would temporary bike signage work until a permanent solution is found?
 - Even if the city would sign off on allowing the signs through the East High parking lot, the school district would most likely say no.
 - Key city staff may be opposed to signed bike routes.
 - It is probably better to spend time on a permanent solution.
 - Would a trail through the Unity Neighborhood work instead?
 - Should the committee be looking at areas without bike lanes for bike lanes to major destinations?
- Trail Sign Reinstallation.
 - There are a lot of trail sign defects.
 - Engineering does have a map of trail defects, including signs.
 - Trail work is done in conjunction with the sidewalk zones, with this year's zone being Zone 4.
 - There appear to be up to 25 issues just in this year's zone.
 - Repairs will be done to the trail by the Cattle Congress which will include patching the joints.
 - 183 signs are in poor condition.
- Is there a request for work for the trails like there is for other aspects of public works?
- Huting stated that Leisure Services employees could take notes when sweeping the trails.
- Pedestrian push buttons
 - Concern over the timing of push buttons at the Ansborough Avenue overpass of US 218.
 - Can the buttons be reprogrammed to prioritize pedestrians?
 - Most bicyclists don't wait for signals due to long length of the signals.
 - The Traffic Department needs to hear complaints from pedestrians.
- Byrnes Park
 - The pool will start being removed in August.
 - Should be done in the spring '25.
 - Splash pad at Gates should be done by summer if not spring.
- Donald Street and Mildred Avenue.
 - As noted last month, the approach signs should be farther out.
 - Can a high-visibility sidewalk be installed?
 - Flashing signs?
 - Discussion about the sidewalks in the North Crossing development.
- What a small-scale project is can be open to interpretation.
- Could a rubric be created to determine whether a project is small, medium, or large scale?

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6. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over the Planning, Programming, and Zoning Commission agenda. No items required any recommendations.

7. Other Project Status Updates

- No updates.

Discussion Items:

- There were no discussion items.

Adjournment

Young adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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