

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
March 20, 2018**

Meeting was called to order of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee at 1:35pm March 20, 2018 by Chairperson Cass in the Mollenhoff Room, City Hall, 715 Mulberry Street.

Roll Call: Members present were: Felecia Cass, Greg Young, Aric Schroeder, Pat Morrissey, Jeff Bales, and Wayne Castle.

Members absent were: Janet Bules, Brent Johnson, Mohammad Elahi, Abraham Funchess, Tom Powers, Kevin Blanshan, Will Frost, Brian Schoon, Paul Hutting and Dan Trelka.

Also present: Codie Leseman – INRCOG and John Dornoff - Planning & Zoning Staff

It was moved by Morrissey, seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

University Avenue

- The project received a Black Hawk Gaming Grant for \$750,000 grant to pay for enhancements.
- Bales said that there should be plenty of money for those enhancements especially with bids coming in below estimates.
- Pedestrian lights could be added that will provide a better atmosphere similar to US Highway 63.
- Cass noted that in the minutes from December that the pedestrian refuges were called into question and asked for clarification to which Bales said he can check with AECOM.
- Discussion then turned to the pedestrian crossing between Ansborough and Fletcher.
 - The break in the median will be at Wallgate so it would be the best location to have a pedestrian crossing where drivers would expect to see people crossing.
 - Full details on Wallgate will be in phase 3.
 - Cass stated that she felt Wallgate would be one place that a pedestrian refuge should be installed.
- Phase 1 will include the bus stops at North Start
- It was also noted that there will be lots of construction in the area between University Avenue in both Waterloo and Cedar Falls, Highway 58/Viking in Cedar Falls, and the US Highway 63 construction in Waterloo.
- Cass asked when Phase 2 will start to which Bales answered next spring.

Infill Policy

- Schoon was at another meeting so the discussion on the infill policy will be deferred to next month.
- Leseman asked if it would make sense to put off sending this to council for a while. Cass said she felt that it should go to the city council no matter what.

Casey's/US 63 Crossing

- The committee received no money from the CIP so has no money to assist for this project.
- Cass asked if Iowa DOT was willing put in the beacons if Casey's put in a sidewalk on their property.
- Schroeder asked if there had been more discussions but there has not as the manager said he needed to talk to corporate
- It was also noted that there is ditch drainage, and even if Casey's contributed, it would need city funds.
- Suggested that may have better luck with Casey's corporate office.
- Will bring topic up again in July.

US Highway 63

- Highway 63 at the Canadian National tracks is closed until November of 2019.
- A culvert is replacing the pedestrian bridge that crossed US Highway 63 just north of the Canadian National tracks which is in the same location of the former pedestrian bridge.

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- The culvert will be for east/west traffic while the bridge which will have a trail and sidewalk will be for north/south travel.
- There was concern expressed about the safety of the culvert and if cameras will be installed. Discussion about the cameras including the concerns of vandalism of them but it was noted that there will be several lights in the culvert.
- Leseman asked if the committee is about quality of life do we want surveillance on the trail.
- The culvert under Greenhill was used as a template.
- There is straight site lines from Logan Avenue through the tunnel to Webster that the police like for their visibility of the proposed tunnel.
- It was suggested by Morrissey that the idea of cameras be sent to the Public Safety Committee.
- Cass also mentioned that she does not feel safe on the Sergeant Road trail when it goes under University and US 218.
- Need to have a perception of safety if people are going to use it.

Walnut Neighborhood

- Many projects happening in Walnut that may bring traffic congestion.
- There needs to be a connection from the US Highway 63 trail to the Park Avenue trail.
- Schroeder noted that there is still an issue with connecting the Martin Luther King, Jr. trail to Park Avenue due to East High School and there has been no word from the School District since Schroeder had a meeting with a district representative months ago.

Ridgeway Avenue

- Infill project at Ridgeway and Bethel with the funds from last year's CIP.
- It was noted that Wellmark stated that sidewalks to schools make good Wellmark Grant projects.
- There are still lots of unknowns about the project to reduce Ridgeway from 4 to 3 lanes. It was also noted that there would probably not be enough room for bike lanes due to the narrowness of the road.

CIP

- There was no funding allocated in the 2019-2023 CIP.
- Morrissey noted that Cedar Falls requested \$270 million for their CIP. He feels that Waterloo is bigger than Cedar Falls and needs to be more aggressive with projects and the committee should increase its request.
- Schroeder noted that he talked to Noel Anderson who stated that if the committee looked at projects that were part of a larger project, there is a better chance of funding, and also suggested getting the infill policy.
- Leseman noted that he hopes to have the draft Pedestrian Master Plan done by spring. Projects are scaled for TAP funding.

Other Discussion

- Morrissey asked about the delineators for Park Avenue. It was noted that the city has 50 posts that can go up at intersections. A grant of \$5,000 was also applied for.
- Cass asked what affect the Friendship Village project will have but it was noted by Schroeder they are not expanding their footprint just remodeling their existing facilities, and there is existing sidewalk along Park Lane.
- Cass said that she will talk to Covenant Medical Center to see if they are still interested in sidewalks for their facility especially with the San Marnan Frontage Road being rebuilt.
- Cass also asked Dornoff to note with Spring Break and other holidays come up in order to ensure the committee is properly scheduled.

Adjournment

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dornoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Dornoff
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