

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
April 25, 2023**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm April 25, 2023, by Chairperson Cass in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

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

Members absent were: Jessica Rucker, Ray Feuss, and Greg Young.

Other attendees: Doug Schindel and Michelle Sweeney – AECOM, Aldina Dautovic – INRCOG, Wayne Castle – City of Waterloo Engineering, Curtis Young, and Mohammad Elahi, Traffic Department (via zoom).

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

Agenda Items:

1. Traffic Department Report

- Elahi went over the problems with the flashing beacons on San Marnan at Nikki and stated that parts have been ordered. The solar powered lights have been prone to issues.
- Problems can be reported on the city website.
- Traffic Department generally deals with things like street lights, street signs, etc.; Street Department deal with things such as potholes, sweeping, etc.
- How to report a problem on the city website can be confusing and could use explanations of what department does what.
- There was a discussion on how to make improvements to the website and how the website will appear on a phone.
- Question was asked if a button could be added to the interactive trail map that will link with the city website, which can be done.
- Cedar Rapids system connects with a map and that is planned to be added to the city website.
- The sections of the Park Avenue Bike lanes that were painted green seem to be holding up well.
- There was a discussion of the bike lanes on Park Avenue and whether parking should be against the curb.
- Park Avenue Bridge should be open in late fall (later determined to likely be spring).
- It was noted that Councilman Boesen stated that the bike lanes on Park Avenue are confusing.
- There was a discussion about the process that led to the bike lanes.
- Painting the entire bike lane could improve the use by bicycles.
- Resurfacing of Park Avenue is not going to happen in the next year or two. Consideration for reconfiguration of the bike lanes before the bridge opens should be looked at.

2. Parks

- \$17 million has now been raised for the park improvements at Gates and Byrnes.
- However, the cost is also going up.
- Currently a couple of million short.

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- There will be a May 11th bid opening, and it will be on the May 15th council agenda.
- The gates pool has been removed.
- The project may have to be phased and take longer because construction companies are busy.
- The plan for a shuttle is probably not going to happen due to costs. As an example, the 2-hour shuttle for Black Hawk games costs \$13,000 - \$14,000.
- If a shuttle is run, it would be from June to August. However, regular routes are available that can get you from one park to another.
- Discussion on how to communicate the bus route information to students before school is out for the summer.
- The Chamberlain property is not ready, and there is no timeline on when the property will be ready as it is a complicated situation between the city, EPA, and the parent company for Chamberlain.
- Lower Gates Park may have to be a future phase.
- The Byrnes Park portion should go for bidding in July.
- Huting noted that the 18th Street Bridge was swept last week.

3. Transportation Alternatives Program

- A sub-committee met with City Engineer Knutson to discuss possible TAP projects for Complete Streets activity.
- TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) is a Federal funding source for alternative transportation choices such as bike trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.
- 80% of Funding from federal dollars, and a 20% city match is required.
- The Complete Streets Advisory Committee had previously reviewed and ranked 9 priority sidewalk infill projects that may work well as TAP requests.
- Possibility of creating a group of projects that will fund infill.
- There is 3 of the projects that will be done in the next 3 to 5 years as part of street reconstruction, so we would not want to do those right now. But others may be good candidates.
- Meeting will be held in June with Knutson and Noel Anderson to further discuss.
- There could be a competition with other city projects, as well as projects from other jurisdictions in our MPO that are eligible to apply for TAP funds.

4. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder stated there were no items on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda that needed the committee's attention.

5. Other Project Status Updates

- The work session with the City Council on the 4th/5th/6th Street two way project went well and there seems to be council support. The cost would be \$14.5 million with \$5.5 million being ADA requirements & overlay which will need to be done anyway.
- Discussion of mission segment of sidewalk at Camelot Towers.

Discussion Items:

- None

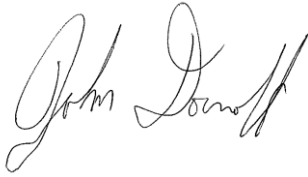
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Adjournment

Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dornoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Dornoff
Planner II