

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

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

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

Members absent were: Ray Feuss and Aric Schroeder.

Other attendees: Brenda Vovroch – INRCOG, Wayne Castle – City of Waterloo Engineering, Mohammad Elahi, Traffic Department, Adam Babinat and Larry (last name unknown) from the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership.

It was moved by Rucker and seconded by Young to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Park Avenue

- Durant went over the history of the Park Avenue Bike Lanes.
- Elahi wanted to research the history of the bike lanes and look at possible changes which is incorporated into the report.
- Durant went over the report that was created.
- Durant went over the 4 options to change the bike lanes with Alternative 4 being the preferred option.
- Discussion on the overlay or reconstruction of Park Avenue. North of the river can be done as an overlay but the south side will need complete reconstruction. However, there is issues to be resolved including a vault that is under the sidewalk from the former Courier building with the estimated cost being \$1 million.
- Discussion on removing the right turn lanes along Park Avenue.
- The Cedar Valley Bicycle Coalition prefers Alternatives 3 and 4.
- Castle went over the alternatives for the approaches to the new Park Avenue Bridge on the north side.
- Castle noted that the sidewalk is wider on the north side to accommodate possible future development that will be zero lot line.
- Discussion of possible grant funding.
- Gilbery asked if more public support would help.
- Will need City Council support for the changes therefore need to get the department heads on board.
- Elahi estimated \$25,000 to remove the existing paint and \$10,000 to paint new lines.
- There are multiple grants available for the painting.
- Will go over the next steps at next month's meeting.
- Appreciation to Durant and Elahi for all the work to create the report.

It was moved by Durant and seconded by Young to show support for Alternative 3 and incorporate the approaches to the Park Avenue Bridge and seek support from the bicycle community. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Walkability and Bicycle Matrix

- Durant put the matrix together.
- Looked at the triangle from Park Avenue and 4th Street along Walnut Street.
- There have been lots of comments, especially with the slip lane and the possibility of eliminating it.
- Look to make the area a community destination.
- Cost to remove traffic lights at Walnut Street and Park Avenue is not that expensive.
- Renderings were presented, showing colorful bulb-outs.
- Could be blank or colorful.
- Helps bring the Walnut Neighborhood and downtown together.
- Transforms underutilized areas.
- Possible bus shelters.
- More emphasis on modes of transportation that have been ignored.
- The ideas will be presented at the next Walnut Neighborhood Association meeting.
- A subcommittee for the triangle was created. Committee members to include Gilbery, Rucker, Huting, Durant and Cass.

3. Bus Route Redesign

- Sturch went over the proposed bus changes.
- There should be a small increase with the new system.
- Changes will probably now happen in late summer or fall.
- Looking at airport route with all the growth in that area.

4. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Dornoff went over the Planning Commission agenda.

5. Other Project Status Updates

- **Parklets**
 - Work session was canceled because City Council was working on an actual Ordinance.
 - The work session was moved to August 7th.
 - One City Council Member wants the first one to be free.

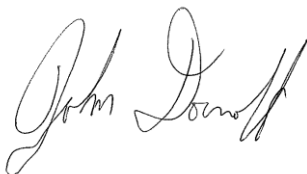
Discussion Items:

- AECOM should be here next month.

Adjournment

Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
Planner II