

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

Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30pm August 18, 2020 by Chairperson Cass. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic the meeting was held via the Zoom online meeting application.

Roll Call: Members present electronically: Janet Buls, Felicia Cass, Paul Huting, Ray Feuss, Brian Schoon, Pat Morrissey, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Jessica Rucker, Kevin Blanshan, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Mohamad Elahi, Will Frost, Dan Trelka, Jeff Bales, Abraham Funchess, and Greg Young.

Other people attending: David Sturch – Met Transit and John Dornoff – City of Waterloo Planning

It was moved by Buls, seconded by Rucker to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Sidewalk Projects from Street Reconstruction List and Recommendations on Requests for Funding Sidewalk Projects, Ranking for CIP

- Castle looked at both recon and overlay projects.
- Portion of projects already have sidewalks with some improvements to crossings.
- Some streets have long lengths of needed infill and it likely does not make sense to try and prioritize funding in areas where it would not connect to anything around it.
- New bike path along Shaulis Road is moving forward in phases.
- Only one that appear to work is Heath Street to Logan Frontage Road by the Hy-Vee Gas Station.
- Cass met with Knutson last week with Knutson stated he requested \$200,000 for sidewalk infill.
- Estimated cost for Heath Street from \$6000 to \$10,000.
- Leseman asked what we are looking at for these projects, feels that there is some missed opportunities such as Bertch Avenue which has only one block of missing sidewalk on south side.
- Previously asked for smaller project but Bertch will be a bigger project.
- Hard to make recommendations when not much money will be allocated.
- The priority for sidewalks on the south side of Bertch is low because there is already sidewalks on the north side. In addition, Bertch is an overlay not a reconstruction project which will make sidewalks more expensive.
- Hoff Road and West 4th will be reconstruction south of US Highway 20, but this is a multiple block project and will be very expensive and portions already have sidewalks.
- Cedar Falls started out with one lot, two lot missing gaps then moved on to bigger gaps.
- Big project could upset residents, need to get the public support so elected officials can support.
- Knutson does not support changing the local option rules to allow it to be used for sidewalks.
- Doing projects as part of the yearly sidewalk repair program may work better and allow gaining traction for bigger projects.
- There are a few areas in zone 1 for next year that have sidewalks, but as you go north there is many areas with no sidewalks.
- Castle will look for possible projects for next year and score them.
- Most projects this year scored poorly on the Complete Streets scoring matrix.
- Leseman thought this was too conservative.

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Downtown Trees

- JSA is looking to move forward with tree project and city council delayed several sidewalk projects in the area to let them have time to work on tree project.
- There is a couple of other properties that JSA is working with the owners to get the project done in front of their businesses.
- Planting of the trees was delayed due to possible events that were supposed to be held like Oktoberfest that has not been cancelled.
- Ball was dropped in a few places in trying to get the master plan done.
- Forester has been engaged in the tree discussions.

Update on Council Work Session on Sidewalk Infill Policy

- Council work session on Sidewalk Infill policy on Monday.
- Castle to do presentation with Cass on call.
- Morrissey feels that it should be done by Ordinance to make it more difficult to change in the future.

Update on Development of Additional Sidewalk Infill Policy (Large Projects)

- Large missing segments.
- Want to include equity measures.
- May need to develop a sidewalk master plan instead

Upcoming PZ Agenda Review

- Driveway appeal at the corner of Cornwall and La Porte Avenue.
- If appeal is approved will need to have sidewalk cuts.
- Plans underway to include sidewalk on reconstruction on La Porte Road.
- Why not ask them to put in sidewalks.
- Complication is former frontage road with the north access point is barricaded off.
- Reconstruction of La Porte Road will include a small portion of Cornwall Avenue.
- La Porte Road will be shifted to the west to create more separation at Mitchell with US Highway 218 and Cornwall Avenue will be affected.
- Only a third of a block of Cornwall Avenue in front of church has sidewalks.
- Schroeder goes over the La Porte Road/Hess Road project noting that the north section will be the last part of the project done.
- Vacate excess right of way at Greenhill Road but won't affect sidewalks.
- 1210 Idaho is proposing a large solar farm north of their building but there is existing sidewalks on both Independence and Idaho.
- Right of way vacate south of Conger along old railway line, there is existing sidewalks on Conger that won't be affected.

Update on the Walnut Street Bike Route Focus Project

- No update on the project.

Other Project Updates

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- Shaulis Road Trail Extension
 - No new updates currently working on design for segment from Cedar Terrace to Cedar Valley Nature Recreation Trail for design and will be constructed next spring. Will still be gap from US Highway 218 to Cedar Terrace, which does not have funding. Segment from Isle of Capri Blvd to US Highway 218 should be let next year.
 - Unfunded portion will be complicated due to nature of the area. Also concerns about the crossing of US Highway 218. Staff is going to work on getting funding for the missing segment.
- University Avenue.
 - Continuing to progress.

Other Discussion

None

Adjournment

Leseman adjourned the meeting at 2:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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