

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2022**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm October 25, 2022, by secretary/acting chairperson Schroeder.

Roll Call: Members present: Paul Huting, David Sturch, Jessica Rucker, Kyle Durant, Oumie Ceesay, Wayne Castle, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Felicia Cass, Anne Marie Kofta, John Dornoff, Matt Schindel, Ray Feuss, Sandi Greco, and Greg Young.

Other attendees: Michelle Sweeney – AECOM, Aldina Dautovic – INRCOG, Kathryn Gilbery, Health Department, Frank Darrah, and Dwight Diercks.

Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the term ending December 31, 2023.

It was moved by Huting and seconded by Rucker to elect Kyle Durant as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rucker and seconded by Huting to elect Felicia Cass as the Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Schroeder turned it over to Vice-chair Kyle Durant to run the meeting.

It was moved by Huting and seconded by Rucker to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Durant noted as long as there was no objection, they would move the Discussion agenda item next on the agenda, to allow our guest to talk about the Unity Waterloo Bike Ability Workshop.

Discussion Items:

Kathryn Gilbery with the Black Hawk County Health Department talked about the recently completed Unity Waterloo Bike Ability Workshop that was held, which had good turn-out and gathered great input about the bike ability of some Waterloo neighborhoods, noting that a formal report is being developed based on the workshop and the input, but was looking for input from the Complete Streets Advisory Committee on next steps. Gilbery noted the workshop included a bike tour of about 5 miles that started at the Jessi Cosby Center, then went up to Newell, and then through residential streets to Fairview Cemetery, and back on Center Street and the pedestrian underpass of Hwy 63. Gilbery noted that they had police stop traffic when they crossed Broadway, but noted that would not be realistic for the typical rider, so it is a good candidate for some improvements. Gilbery noted that Healthy Hometowns is putting together the final report and a presentation on the workshop that they will look to present. Durant thanked Healthy Hometowns, Kathryn and the Health Department for organizing this great event. Castle asked if there were plans to try and do this type of workshop in other neighborhoods. Gilbery noted that she was not sure, but thought it would be a good idea. Durant asked if there has been any bike community survey regarding bike ability to Tyson or other workforce connectivity studies. Schroeder noted that he is not aware of any specific study or survey, but is aware that several years ago a group of individuals inquired about and lobbied for bike improvements for people wanting to bike to work at Tyson, noting that they were specifically requesting for improvements on Newell, but nothing has been done because Newell is a two lane rural section with ditch drainage and there is just no room for bike improvements without

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significant right-of-way acquisition and road-reconstruction, and no funding has been identified for such a costly project. Schroeder noted that Tyson is located right off of the MLK Jr bike trail.

Agenda Items:

1. Parklets sub-committee update

- Rucker provided an update on the progress of the parklets sub-committee, noting that they have a rough draft of a manual and guidelines for a parklet program and are looking to have a work session with the Council, with a goal of having the program adopted in December or January so some could be installed this spring.
- There was a general discussion regarding parklets and what such a program might look like in Waterloo.

2. Iowa Data Bike update

- Durant gave an update of INRCOG's recent use of the Iowa Data Bike and that they made it on a high percentage of the trails in the area, and collected a lot of great data, including pavement condition and 360 images which are already available on Google Maps. Durant reviewed some of the data and images that were able to be collected, which are already available on Google Maps.

3. Grant Opportunities

- Schroeder noted that this had been identified as a being a focus topic, with the idea of making sure there are not grant opportunities that relate to potential complete streets projects that we might be missing out on.
- Aldina Dautovic talked about a hand-out she had provided with a list of potential grant funding sources that could relate to complete streets projects.
- Members are to review the list, let Aldina or Aric know if there are others that you think need to be added to the list, and we would look to put this on next month's agenda for a discussion on "next steps" and if there are identified projects that we want to go after any of the identified grant opportunities.

4. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over the P&Z agenda.

5. Other Projects

- No updates.

6. Acknowledgement of Completion of Service of Committee Member Anne Maria Kofta

- Schroeder noted that Anne Maria Kofta had resigned from the Committee. Schroeder noted that no action is needed, this is placed on the agenda and will be noted in the minutes as the official acknowledgement so they are no longer considered a voting member.

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Discussion Items:

- No discussion items.

Adjournment

Durant adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aric Schroeder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aric Schroeder
City Planner