

**Minutes of The  
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2020**

Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30pm September 15, 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: Felicia Cass, Janet Buls, Jessica Rucker, Pat Morrissey, Paul Huting, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Kevin Blanshan, Greg Young, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Mohammad Elahi, Brian Schoon, Will Frost, Dan Trelka, Jeff Bales, Abraham Funchess, and Ray Feuss.

Other people attending: John Dornoff – City of Waterloo Planning; Matt Schindel – Engineering; and David Sturch – MET Transit.

*It was moved by Blanshan, seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Physical Activity Access Project Presentation**

- Leseman went over the SNAP-Ed Physical Activity Access Project preliminary survey results
- Survey of physical activity of low-income seniors.
- Crossroads Square Apartments, Camelot Senior Housing, Stokes Manor, and Stokes Estate residents were surveyed.
- 29% to 59% of residents returned surveyed.
- Most between 55 and 75 years old.
- 58% White, 32% Black
- 26% of Crossroads Square and 33% of Camelot residents English is not primary language.
- 17% of Crossroads and 31% of Camelot were Bosnian.
- 29% of Crossroads, 44% of Camelot, 54% of Stokes Manor and 45% of Stokes Estate residents drove a vehicle in past year (42% overall).
- 48% of Crossroads, 31% of Camelot, 46% of Stokes Manor and 64% of Stokes Estates have rode bus in last year.
- 4% of Crossroads, 10% of Camelot, 25% of Stokes Manor, and 18% of Stokes Manor have ridden a bicycle in the last year.
- 57% of Crossroads, 72% of Camelot, 63% of Stokes Manor, and 55% of Stokes Estate walk at least a few times a month.
- Bus most common next to walking in Crossroads and Stokes Estates.
- Meat and potatoes will be in next presentation with destinations and other information.
- Cass asked if Leseman was planning to present it to council to which he was hoping to wait until the second presentation was done but Cass thought it would be good for the council to see the numbers.

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### **Review of Sidewalk Project Scores form Street Reconstruction List and Recommendations on Requests for Funding Sidewalk Projects, Ranking for CIP**

- Many of the projects for recon and overlay were medium to low priority projects.
- Castle sent out a list of potential project.
- 100 block of Reed Street rating of 55. 3 blocks west of US Highway 63 with infill on one side of about 300 feet with cost estimate of \$8770.
- 500 block of Edison Street, behind old Hy-Vee and south of Pepsi. Two lots on the north side of Edison has a rating of 40. Some issue with trees.
- 500 block of Reed Street. 5 lots do not have sidewalks with 4 having homes and a rating of 65 and a cost of \$10,000. Project will fill in neighborhood.
- 600 block of Newton Street. Two lot gap with a rating of 50 and it is a pretty easy project of \$8600.
- 1000 block of Dawson. Everything around it has sidewalks, there is some obstructions cost of \$8250.
- 1000 block of Riehl. No sidewalks on either side because of series elevation changes which is why it is only spot in area without sidewalks and would cost at least \$25,000 with a score of 50.
- Heath Street. Section from west of Subway east toward frontage road intersection and then cross street to Hy-Vee. \$7000 cost and a rating of 70 which is the highest. Fairly simple project. Heath Street will be done anyway. Would create connection from Cedar Bend trail to Lincoln Elementary. Would have to work with other agencies to make it happen. Would increase access to school from the south. Blanshan questioned if this was needed with the sidewalks in the area. Huting questioned snow removal since policy is not to remove snow from levee trails. Proposal to extend the trail to Greenbrier to serve as sidewalk which would mean it would need to have snow removal. Huting also noted that section of trail has the most complaints about illegal use by motorcycles and other motorized vehicles. Leseman asked who removes snow from the east side of Longfellow to which Schroeder responded that it belongs to WaterWorks so it would be up to them to maintain it. Cass what the blue line means to which Castle responded to low priority. West side of Longfellow toward West Parker has some difficulties and opposition property owners. Schroeder pointed out there is two cross walks one across Parker and one across Longfellow to which Castle pointed out that those lines should not be there and the streets department will be removing them. Also need to consider trying to route kids away from cars turning off of Cedar Bend into the school drop off and pick up. Concern over the school supporting the project.
- Leseman says most of the other projects are not high priority projects, may make sense but are these compelling enough?
- Blanshan suggested that more than one person look at the projects.

Janet Buls left the meeting at 2:00pm.

***It was moved by Leseman, seconded by Huting to recommend both Reed Street, the Newton, and the Dawson projects for sidewalk infill funding. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **Downtown Trees Update**

- Discussion with different departments but has not gone beyond that.
- Schroeder will try to talk to Anderson and Knutson on where the project is right now.
- Also concerned about the trees attracting more birds.

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### **Update on Sidewalk Infill Policy and Discussions with Council**

- Presentation to council about the sidewalk infill policy.
- Need to get council thoughts on a Waterloo specific pedestrian plan.
- Missing segment and large segment plans.
- Will be having zoom meetings with council members.

### **Upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission**

- Schroeder went over the PZ agenda.
- Rezone at 146 Martin Road.
- No sidewalks on Martin Road.
- Could look at condition to require them to put in sidewalks in front of the development.
- Hutting noted that Leisure Services would be concerned with sidewalk on the north side of Martin Road along the golf course due to the proximity to the fairway, as it may not be safe for pedestrians. Sidewalk would make more sense on the south side of Marin if it were to be installed.
- Cass said she would like sidewalks but feels it's on the wrong side of the street due to the golf course.
- Doesn't make since to make this development put in sidewalks when it would never go anywhere and Martin Road has severe grade issues.

### **Other Project Updates**

- Walnut Street bike project should happen next spring.
- There are plans to cross US Highway 218 at Shaulis, but that phase is not funded and will have significant design challenges.
- December letting for the US Highway 63 enhancements.
- MET is working to survey riders and timing routes to get redesign done.

### **Other Discussion**

- None.

### **Adjournment**

*Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:01p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



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