

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
November 26, 2023**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:32 pm November 26, 2023, by Chairperson Cass in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

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

Members absent were: David Sturch, and Ray Feuss.

Other attendees: Aldina Dautovic – INRCOG, Wayne Castle – City of Waterloo Engineering, Michelle Sweeney and Doug Schindel – AECOM

It was moved by Gilbery and seconded by Durant to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion of potential for a multi-use trail along East 4th Street north of Donald Street and Heath Street between East 4th Street and Highway 63

- Should a trail be required along East 4th Street and Heath Street with the North Crossing Development?
- Young, Diercks, and Gilbery reviewed possible improvements to the area.
- Schroeder went over the history of the development.
- Schroeder noted that sidewalks are shown on all streets in the 4th addition plat.
- There will be on-road accommodations for bicycles in the development.
- Discussion if there should be a bicycle trail considering the number of low-income apartments are going into the complex.
- There a traffic light will be put in at Heath Street and Logan Avenue, allowing residents from the apartments to cross Logan Avenue to reach the Hy-Vee store.
- It was also noted that trails do not have to be plowed by neighboring property owners, whereas sidewalks do have to have the snow removed.
- There is no budget to plow most trails.

2. Review and Prioritization of Bicycle accommodation Priorities

- Durant went over a list of possible priority projects.
- Vote was taken over what should be the priority projects: Shaulis Road Trail gap – 11 votes, US 63/Walnut/East High/MLK Trail connection – 8 votes, and replacing bridges on the Cedar Prairie Trail – 5 votes.

3. Walnut

- The Walnut Safety Team plans to meet for 1 year.
- The committee wants speed bumps installed.
- Discussion if speed bumps actually make things worse.
- Concerns about the intersection of Iowa and Walnut Streets.
- There is possible changes that could be made to the intersection to make it safer.
- If there is accident numbers to back up the problems with the intersection there is safety grants to put for changes.

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4. Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Near East High.

- Durant reached out the school district and to the person leading the fight to make improvements to the area.
- With the recent announcement of the school realignment to happen in a few years the school district's priorities for East High have probably changed.
- Discussion on the sidewalk from East 4th Street to East High that currently is fenced off making it more difficult for students to reach the school from East 4th.

5. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over the Planning Commission agenda.

6. Other Project Status Updates

- La Porte Road
 - Working on getting a RAISE grant.
 - Public Hearing in December.
 - Phase 1 is fully funded.
 - Approval for property purchased to be on December 18th City Council Meeting.
- 4th/5th/6th
 - Grant applicant to pay for changes has been submitted.
 - There is also a grant application to study the possible moving of the railroad yard or study possible ways to help improve access across the train tracks.
- Bridges
 - The Park Avenue Bridge will not open this year but should open next year and so should the 11st Street Bridge.
- Parklets
 - Parking study says there is plenty of parking in downtown.
 - The sidewalk café situation will be taken care of before the Parklets are discussed at City Council

7. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

It was moved by Diercks and seconded by Rucker to nominate Curtis Young as Chairperson and Kyle Durant as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- There was no discussion items.

Adjournment

Durant adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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