

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee
June 10, 2014**

Meeting was called to order of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee at 4:10 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014 by Chair Kevin Blanshan in the Mollenhoff Room 2nd floor of City Hall.

I. Roll Call:

Members present were: Pat Morrissey, Janet Bules, David Jones, Dan Trekla, Jeff Bales, Kevin Blanshan and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Abraham Funchess, Brian Schoon, Wayne Castle, Brent Johnson, Paul Huting, Will Frost, Mohammad Elahi & Felicia Cass

Also present: Zoning Staff Adrienne Voelker

II. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on March 31, 2014 and special meeting held of the Complete Streets Subcommittee on May 2, 2014.

It was moved by Bales, seconded by Trelka to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2014 meeting and the special meeting held by the Complete Streets Subcommittee on May 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Agenda

1. Review 2015 Street Reconstruction List- Review for inclusion of Complete Streets elements.

Bales spoke about Easton Avenue from 11th to Wisconsin for a potential sidewalk infill project. Bales indicated it could cost up to \$162,000 to construct sidewalks on both sides of the road. Bales indicated if sidewalks were to be constructed on only one side of the street it would be more economical for them to be constructed along the southerly right-of-way due to elevation issues and retaining walls along the northerly right-of-way. Blanshan indicated that the southerly right-of-way could potentially be a safe route to school and questioned if funding would change if that were the case. Bales indicated that the funding could change due to current funding sources being through the city and additional grants may be available through safe routes to school. A general consensus was reached among the committee to research safe routes to school and reconvene at the next meeting after discussion has taken place with Wayne Castle and Eric Thorson in the City Engineering department.

2. Updates on U.S Highway 63, Kimball Avenue and Park Avenue.

Blanshan noted that construction on Kimball Avenue has begun. Bales noted that the Complete Streets letter of recommendation was well received with the Iowa DOT for including the recreational trail on the bridge overpass and stated that he feels very confident it will happen. There was no update for the Park Avenue project.

3. Funding of Complete Streets and other Council Work Session topics.

Discussion on item 3 was postponed to next meeting.

Blanshan indicated that the committee should set up a time for a council work session soon. Schroeder stated that June 23rd would be the next time they would be able to have a work session and

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stated himself and Blanchan would put an agenda together and let the rest of the committee know what would be discussed at the work session.

4. University Avenue Reconstruction Project- Review status and discuss Complete Streets elements.

Blanshan noted that the Iowa DOT had announced the approval of \$20 Million and jurisdiction of University Avenue to Cedar Falls. Jones questioned why we would want jurisdiction of University Avenue and Schroeder indicated that University is not a primary road for the Iowa DOT anymore therefore funding would not be as fluent for repairs, updates, etc. Blanshan indicated that Cedar Falls is looking into possible improvements such as sidewalks, signals and additional accommodations for pedestrians to add to University Avenue.

Bales indicated that the City of Waterloo needs to begin having discussions on the potential acquisition of University Avenue and what the overall vision would be for the area. Schroeder stated that the Complete Streets Committee needs to discuss what elements are important to the committee and what they would like to see incorporated with University Avenue for pedestrian accommodations. Blanshan stated that he sees the corridor as a unified between Waterloo and Cedar Falls and that University Avenue would accommodate all modes of transportation. Blanshan stated that safety and environmental benefits should also be kept in consideration when deciding on important elements for the committee. Morrissey stated that cutting speed would be one safety element he would like to see. Blanshan indicated that the committee should write a letter to Community Development Director, Noel Anderson, and City Engineer, Eric Thorson, to indicate what the Complete Streets Advisory Committee believes to be important elements for the redevelopment of University Avenue corridor.

It was moved by Bules, seconded by Jones to submit a letter to Community Development Director, Noel Anderson, and City Engineer, Eric Thorson, to indicate what the Complete Streets Advisory Committee believes to be important elements for the redevelopment of University Avenue corridor. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion on Bike Routes to connect to existing and planned bike lanes and multi-use paths.

Discussion on item 5 was postponed to next meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

Blanshan mentioned the trail counts will be coming up the following week and anyone interested in volunteering can sign up on time sheets provided.

V. Adjournment

Blanshan adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Voelker,
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