



## Minutes

Prepared by Howard Crofoot, 01/18/2022

CSRC Attendees: Cindy Tang (Zoom), Robin Fatzinger, Danica Larson, Eileen McCartney (Zoom), Jason Artz

CSRC Not Present: Maureen Vorwald

Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot, Adam Ruechel

Other Attendees: Isaac Shanley and Chad Digman

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Cindy Tang
2. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2021 meeting: Motion to approve as written by Robin, second by Danica. Vote passed unanimously.
3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions:

Danica commented about a citizen who walks a dog in the evenings. She has reflective clothing and LED lights on her and the dog. Even when she is in the crosswalk at Camp and Lancaster or Madison and Lancaster, cars will not allow her to cross. There was a question whether the issue was the traffic speed and whether the speed sign board might help. Staff said they would pass to the Police Department.

4. New Business:
  - a. Main Street Crosswalks and Intersection Concerns: There was discussion about this incident and other incidents. The PD has recorded 3 pedestrian incidents and 6 bike incidents on Main Street between Water and Chestnut since 2018. Additional information was that an elderly driver was leaving the 15-minute parking space in front of Badger Bros. He was looking behind him to avoid a crash with a vehicle coming up Main Street and not looking at the pedestrian in the crosswalk. The vehicle was moving slowly, and the pedestrian was uninjured. No further action.
5. Old Business
  - a. Sidewalk Plan/Map – The Sidewalk Plan/Map will be approved at the Public Hearing by the Common Council on January 25, 2022.
  - b. Grant Updates - Howard discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The grant submissions are due by January 28, 2022.

The minimum project cost is \$300,000. There are different categories including Safe Routes to Schools, but the focus has to be on transportation, not recreation. The following are the three proposed projects.

- i. **JN Stone to Fairfield Drive:** Paving and possibly lighting the existing gravel path from the Rountree Branch Trail by the bridge behind JN Stone to Mitchell Hollow Road, continuing behind Moundview Park to Broadway, then up the easement west of Faherty's where it connects to the dead end of Fairfield Drive.
- ii. **Dog Park to Downtown:** Paving and possibly lighting the old railroad bed from the Dog Park on Valley Road to E. Main Street by the Skate Park. This would connect the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail to the sidewalks and streets on Main Street just east of the Museums and Downtown businesses.
- iii. **NAPA to Eastside Road:** Paving the old railroad bed from the back parking area behind NAPA, get up the slope to the old railroad bed and follow it east until it connects with the trail on Eastside Road near Evergreen Road. This would provide alternative transportation to the Industry Park and Hospital.

Discussion with Chad Digman and Isaac Shanley resulted in the promise that the City will NOT ask for Safe Routes to Schools funding. This funding source would require the City to remove snow from the trail during the winter. The TAP grant would be submitted with the understanding that snowmobiles will be allowed on each of the three trails. Chad and Isaac agreed that the snowmobile club would groom the trails used by snowmobiles to leave enough snow to protect the asphalt surface from damage. They would also consider additional signage or speed limits if needed.

6. Adjourn at 6:40 pm, motion by Jason, second by Robin. Motion passed unanimously.