



Minutes

Prepared by Howard Crofoot, 07/20/2023

CSRC Attendees: Danica Larson, Paul Malischke, Eileen McCartney, Cindy Tang, Maureen Vorwald

CSRC Not Present: Jason Artz, Robin Fatzinger,

Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot

Public Attendees: Alyssa Schaeffer – SW Wis RPC, Ken Kilian – Platteville Common Council, Jim Boebel and Demetri Andrews - Platteville School District, Members of the public: Julie Klein – Holiday Inn Express, Kim Geib, Vicky Suhr, Mary Malischke, Gloria Johnson, Linda Schmidt, Mary Weinzetl

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Cindy Tang
2. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2023 meeting: Motion to approve as written by Maureen, second by Danica. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions:
 - a. Mary Weinzetl: She mainly focused on issues regarding Jenor Tower Park. She noted that the residents of Jenor Tower need to cross Mineral Street to access the park. Some concerns:
 1. There should be a curb cut on the north side of Mineral Street directly across from the driveway opening at Jenor Tower with a designated crosswalk. She feels that forcing people with mobility issues to go to the corner of Oak Street is not realistic.
 2. She claims that drivers are not obeying the 15 MPH speed limit. She thinks that flashing lights may help educate drivers.
 3. She said that there are a number of wrong-way (eastbound) drivers on Mineral Street. This is dangerous to the drivers and especially to pedestrians.
 4. She said that when people do try to cross mid-block, there are vehicles parked in stalls that block visibility. She believes one or more stalls need to be removed to increase safety for crossing.

5. She also had maintenance concerns in Jenor Tower Park. Staff suggested she address those concerns with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee.
- b. Ken Kilian:
 1. He echoed Ms. Weinzetl regarding traffic going too fast and also suggested flashing lights to advise drivers of the lower speed limit.
 2. He also agreed that parking should be eliminated for better visibility.
- c. Mary Malischke:
 1. She echoed the issues regarding speeds on Mineral Street
 2. She also advised that two parking spaces be removed for better visibility.
 3. She expressed gratitude that the Police Department had children's bicycle helmets donated by the Optimist Club. She was able to get helmets for visiting grandchildren.
- d. Paul Malischke:
 1. He spoke about the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) in different locations in the City. Howard clarified that the only one maintained by the City is the crossing at Bus 151 by Staley Ave at the Chamber of Commerce. UW-Platteville is responsible for the others on Main Street and Southwest Road. Cindy asked that this be added to the Agenda for an update.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Proposed School District Bus Stop: Howard explained that the School District is proposing to have a Bus Stop on the east side of Elm Street next to the Library as the bus approaches Main Street. Jim Boebel and Demetri Andrews of the Platteville School District spoke about the plan and the safety considerations they have taken. The intent is to provide a safe place for Pre-K – 4th Grade students to get a ride so they do not have to walk to school. Their initial estimate is 13 students. The bus will arrive shortly before 8 AM. It will travel south to north from Pine toward Main on Elm. The bus would pause at the corner for enough time to load, just like a country bus stop, then continue. In the afternoon, the bus would also travel south to north, pause to unload children, then continue. This would happen between 3:20 and 4:00 PM. Only students who live within 0.25 miles or parents who have employment within 0.25 miles of this location are eligible. There is another stop by Harrison Park.

Julie Klein, manager of the Holiday Inn Express, was concerned about the safety of children near the parking lot. She noted that many guests leave around that time of the morning. She was also concerned about speeds on Main Street. Vicky Suhr, citizen and Library Board member, was concerned about children crossing Main Street and also about the impact to the Library for young children unsupervised. Jim Boebel noted that there will be no school staff supervision, nor a crossing guard. They expect parents or older siblings to supervise children. They will make parents aware of Library rules. Motion by Maureen, Second by Eileen to approve the Bus Stop at Elm and Main, and revisit the situation in early October. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. TAP Planning Grant: Alyssa Schaeffer provided maps with some data on sidewalks and points of interest. She is hoping to have more at a joint planning meeting with Community Safe Routes Committee and the Platteville Community Arboretum (PCA). It was suggested to hold the meeting on August 21 at 5 PM. Howard will propose that date/time to PCA.
 - c. STARS Grant: Southwest Region DOT awarded Phase 1 (PCA Trail to Mitchell Hollow Road) for over \$400,000. Staff is waiting for an award announcement from DNR to see if this got fully funded. Expected in Late July/early August.
 - d. TID 5 Sidewalk: The contract was awarded to Owen's Excavating. This will be a late summer/early fall project as fill in work only. No action since the last meeting.
 - e. Bike Parking Inventory: No action since the previous meeting.
 - f. Mitchell Hollow Road trail crossing: No action since the previous meeting.
 - g. Armory improvements/bike parking: The CSRC motion was verbally presented to the Common Council. The Common Council passed the recommendation to support the grant request, but without language requesting the bicycle requirements be included.
5. New Business:
- a. Capital Improvement Plan for existing paved trail in Moundview Park. Howard noted it was in okay shape considering age and no maintenance. He noted that there are only a few areas that will require maintenance, but such discussion should be with Parks, Forestry and Recreation Committee.
6. Adjourn at 6:50 pm, motion by Eileen, second by Danica. Motion passed unanimously.