

## **COMMUNITY SAFE ROUTES COMMITTEE** Monday November 20, 2023 6:00 PM

MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON

## Minutes

Prepared by Howard Crofoot, 12/11/2023

CSRC Attendees: Robin Fatzinger, Danica Larson, Paul Malischke, Eileen McCartney,

Cindy Tang - by phone, Maureen Vorwald

CSRC Not Present: Jason Artz. Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot.

Public Attendees: Alyssa Schaeffer, - SW Wis RPC, Raza Zaidi - Student

1. Call to Order at 6:03 pm by Cindy Tang

- 2. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2023 CSRC: Motion to approve, with correction to paragraph 4.c. by Robin, second by Danica. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions:
  - a. There was a comment about a person walking in the road in Knollwood Subdivision that fell. Howard to check with the PD to see if there was a report.
  - b. Howard asked about upcoming meetings. At the meeting there were no issues with people attending the December 18 meeting, but afterward, Paul expressed that he will not be attending. Paul and Eileen did not think they could attend a meeting on January 15 – possibly via Zoom.

## Old Business:

- a. TAP Planning Grant: Alyssa Schaeffer of SW Wis RPC updated the Committee on the steps so far and the upcoming public involvement meetings. She noted the Open House with the draft plan will be on December 14 from 4:00 – 6:30 PM in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall. She noted feedback from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students: Not enough pedestrian crossings on Water Street between Main Street and Madison Street; concerns about the pedestrian/bicycle lanes on the Business 151 bridge between Culver's and NOVUS; concerns about the trail crossing of Highway 80 by Dunkin. The PCA mentioned the desire for a larger loop around the city.
- b. Bike Parking Inventory: Alyssa updated the Committee that the GIS class presented the raw data that day and was not prepared to provide a report.
- c. Moundview Park Trail Phase 1: No Action since last month.
- d. TID 5 Sidewalk: The project is complete except for clean up and ensuring landscaping in the spring. The car wash parcel completed their portion of sidewalk also.



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- e. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Maintenance: The City RRFB at the Chamber of Commerce on Bus 151 was corrected as far as the flashing lights. Paul mentioned the illumination lights were not working.
- f. E. Mineral St Sidewalk: No Action since the last meeting. There was a Motion by Robin and Second by Maureen to recommend that the Common Council approve budgeting at least \$12,000 toward safety and accessibility improvements to East Mineral Street in the vicinity of Jenor Towers. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. 2024 2028 TAP Grant Applications: No action.
- 5. New Business: None
  - a. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Federal Grant: Howard discussed the process. The Federal Government is looking to begin soliciting for grants in February 2024. Step 1 is to do Planning and Demonstration grants. Planning grants would be to complete a comprehensive safety action plan. This plan would be an expansion of what SW Wis RPC is doing. It would include all modes of transportation (vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, transit) with an emphasis on reducing fatalities and injuries. If there is a plan, then the grants would also fund small demonstration projects to show how small scale projects can influence behaviors to make streets safer. Step 2, in a future solicitation, would be to implement the projects identified in the safety action plan. Howard mentioned that the Federal Grants recognize "rural" communities up to 250,000 population and with a focus on safety/reducing crashes, it might be more difficult to get funding.
- 6. Adjourn at 7:07 pm, motion by Eileen second by Maureen. Motion passed unanimously.