

Complete Streets Task Force
MEETING – via ZOOM & In-Person

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Approved Minutes

Present:

Committee: Toby Irven, Kara McLuckie, David Barnes, Dave Murphy, Ethan Townsend, Brian Gardam
Other: Carol Pynchon, Klaus Proem, Leigh Rodriguez, Marty Miller

A. Call to Order

- a. Toby called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

B. Minutes from June 21, 2021 meeting.

- a. All approved. Brian will submit the minutes for posting on the Canton website.

C. Old Business

a. Judson St. update

- i. The group discussed whether the village should put cross walk lights at the table crossing on Judson Street. Marty said the plan is to have the Farmer-Judson intersection as a raised intersection. Dave Murphy asked if flashing lights can be used on Main St. Klaus reported that the state has told the village no. Dave suggested we should go back to them regarding the intersection at the top of Main St. at Harrison St. where people can't see over the hill. We will assess where we can best use the pedestrian controlled lights and decide this for next meeting.

b. Miner St. Project update

- i. Toby noted that the SLIC utilities have been moved from the poles but the town is still waiting for Spectrum.

c. Roadway painting Marty.

- i. Marty reported the village has painted green strips indicated “no car use”. He reported that in the future, as more striping gets done, there will be signs up to indicate what the striping means, including that the lanes are for cyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized vehicles. The signs will also indicate that this is part of the Canton Trail Network.
- ii. Marty reported that handicapped access indication has been painted in front of the municipal building.
- iii. We should seek some press release of the new painting here and at DSS meeting. Toby will reconnect with Paul Mitchell at North Country This Week about getting some press coverage to explain the new painting on Miner Street and in front of the Department of Social Services.

d. Other CSTF member candidates

- i. No new information.

- e. Village street name signage update
 - i. Marty has ordered new directive posts with appropriate signage.

D. New Business

- a. Meeting with new Rec. Director
 - i. Toby met with Meghan Richardson, the new Recreation Director. They discussed maintenance of the Remington Trail, as well as the in-village bicycle trail. Meghan offered an empty closet for storing the toys from the Park of the Imagine Nation (Toby has been storing them in his barn.)
- b. Discussion on e-scooter project.
 - i. Klaus reported that village board asked CSTF to weigh in on the proposed e-scooter business. This type of business has operated in large and small cities, including Oswego. The committee raised as a safety concern the lack of a requirement for helmet. Klaus has been in touch with Oswego and will ask about helmets. Concerns were raised about pedestrian safety, scooter speed, and business viability. Toby suggested that we look at it over the winter, and get more questions answered. Marty questioned whether the company needs village board approval to operate.
- c. Discussion on best-practices
 - i. Dave Murphy suggested we develop a plan so that every decision doesn't have to be made ad hoc. The literature on bike lanes could help us decide what our policies should be. Klaus reported that Eric Backus has proposed a study for the Park Street and Court Street that will include reference to these guidelines. The village trail master plan also referenced the guidelines. An outstanding question is just were Complete Streets recommendations fit in the village code book.

E. Committee Reports

- a. In-Village Trail connectors working group report. Kara
 - i. Kara reported that the sub-committee has focused attention on parking in the area from Park St. to West St. They looked for places to have parking behind buildings, such as the Healey and Towle offices. The group suggests that we get an engineering study done by Backus. We want to take the village trail map and trace out where we would want to have the trail connections. The master plan has recommendations for bike lanes. Carol noted that we have access to maps through DANC. The subcommittee will take on drawing out the trail connections.
- b. Pathway from CCS to Sullivan Dr. leaders report.
 - i. No action yet. Klaus reported that we are waiting to hear back from Beth Larrabee regarding who should participate from the school.

F. Other Business

- a. Dave Murphy suggested that we discuss priority items for next year's work at our next meeting.
- b. Toby will send out a Doodle Poll to get a date for a September meeting

G. Adjourn

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.