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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, August 22, 2017

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 201, City-County Bldg.
Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Present: 6 - Ledell Zellers; Rebecca Kemble; Michael W. Rewey; Grant A. Foster; Eric C. Lewandowski and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 3 - Paul E. Skidmore; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alder Kemble, seconded by Alder Zellers, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting. The motion passed by the following votes:

Ayes: 3 - Ledell Zellers; Rebecca Kemble and Grant A. Foster

Abstentions: 2 - Eric C. Lewandowski and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 3 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner and Aaron S. P. Crandall

Non Voting: 1 - Michael W. Rewey

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

D.1. [48444](#) Public Market Site Plan Review

Dan Kennelly of City Economic Development gave a brief overview of the Public Market project and site plan. Anne Reynolds, Chair of the Public Market Development Committee, was available for questions as well.

Foster brought up the Mifflin bike connection, and asked them to anticipate the amount of bike traffic and design accordingly. Foster also asked for strong bike access along First Street from Johnson to East Washington. Kennelly said they would take a look at the design of the plaza area to facilitate that. Foster asked that in addition to the connection to the market on Mifflin, they should think of the movement through and beyond the site.

DeVos asked how many spaces are planned for underground parking, and the pricing. Kennelly replied that early numbers show roughly 300 stalls at approximately \$20,000 per stall.

Rewey requested the back-end diagonal stalls on Market Lane be re-designed to conventional diagonal parking stalls, as it could cause a possible problem for the elderly people visiting the market. Rewey stated the bike parking did not look optimal, and echoed Foster's comments about having facilities into the site from Mifflin and First. Kennelly said those were great points and they would continue to look at ways to facilitate bike and pedestrian access into the site.

Staff wanted to strengthen what has been said, and pressed that as they are developing and purchasing the property, they need a dedication for the Mifflin street connection, or at a minimum an easement for that pedestrian bicycle connection across what will become the private part of this property between the railroad tracks and Market Lane for bicycle and pedestrian transportation for the Mifflin Street connection, saying if we don't get that it would be a tremendous loss. Kennelly said staff had a great point and they will make sure to achieve that in negotiations with the property owner. Staff suggested a bike path along the east side of the rail corridor, but outside of the rail corridor, from Johnson Street up to Mifflin Street.

Lewandowski brought up a possible traffic flow issue at the intersection of Mifflin Street and Market Lane. Kennelly said they would explore that further with staff to ensure they were not creating a problem. Lewandowski asked about covered walkways to keep people dry and comfortable and also increase visibility for those people crossing the streets. Kennelly said they would take a look at that suggestion.

Foster suggested access to the underground structure be moved off Market Lane instead of Mifflin Street. Kennelly said they would look at that as well.

Rewey said they do not have enough bike parking, due to Madison Zoning code. Rewey also said the two entrances on Mifflin Street and Market Lane should be treated like driveways so the pedestrians don't feel like they are crossing another street, so the sidewalk is the continuous item, not the street.

D.2. [48442](#) Blair John Nolen Corridor Study Update

City Engineer, Chris Petykowski gave an update on the Blair John Nolen Corridor.

The following people registered to speak: Tim Anderson of Yahara, spoke in support, and had a handout for the commission. Jim Wilson of Wilson Street, neither support or oppose, and wished to speak on both item D.2. and E.2.

Alder Zellers asked if Engineering considered any of the registrant Andersons suggestions. Petykowski said they had discussed many things with Mr. Anderson, and a few items in the plan came from his ideas.

Foster asked if they had a chance to look into registrant Wilsons point about the number of lanes, as it seems like a good opportunity to reduce pavement dedicated to motor vehicles on East bound Williamson. Petykowski said the volume on E. Wilson Street going over to Williamson, and whether or not it needs two thru lanes is something they talked about last week, and is something they need to look into with the consultants and analysts.

Rewey stated there would need to be some curb changes on Broom Street to make the bike box work correctly. Rewey also asked them to take a look at having one lane straight outbound on E. Wilson.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1. [47509](#)

Adopting the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Linda Horvath, of City Planning, gave a presentation on the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather neighborhood plan.

The following registrant spoke in opposition and provided the commission with a handout: Deborah Sellers from Commercial Ave.

DeVos expressed concern more individuals from the neighborhood were not present at the meeting. Horvath said they did community outreach, and talked to the residents about options available to them with the amount of funds available from the community development block grant. Foster was underwhelmed on the lack of bike content in the plan, stating they needed to make bike accommodations, improve bike access and connections, in order to remove barriers.

A motion was made by Alder Kemble, seconded by Lewandowski, to move recommendation to the Plan Commission to approve with the following recommendations:

- 1.) Evaluation of the sidewalk and bike path continuity along the piece of East Washington being vacated. Recommend it be a multi-use bike path with a better connection coming off the Starkweather path.**
- 2.) Recommended adding bike accommodations, and a multi-use path be put in on Milwaukee Street.**

...and by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Rebecca Kemble; Grant A. Foster; Eric C. Lewandowski and Ledell Zellers

Abstentions: 1 - Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 3 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner and Aaron S. P. Crandall

Non Voting: 1 - Michael W. Rewey

E.2. [48174](#)

Approving the roadway geometry for East Johnson Street from Baldwin Street to First Street (2nd and 12th AD), authorizing to execute an Amendment to the contract with the design consultant, and Amending the 2017 Engineering Major Streets Capital Budget to transfer \$140,000 of GO Borrowing from the Mckee Road (CTH PD) Improvements project to the East Johnson Street: Baldwin to 1st Street project.

City Engineer, Chris Petykowski, gave a presentation on the roadway geometry for East Johnson from Baldwin Street to First Street.

DeVos voiced concern about crossings. DeVos stated she liked the Sherman Ave crossings, where the crosswalk is at the tail end of the island, as it's easier to clear of snow, and would like to see them used. Petykowski said they could take a look at widening those surface crossings.

Foster echoed DeVos' comment. Foster requested to improve the ramp coming east bound along the path to do the underpass; to also look at east bound along the bike boulevard, and the left turn onto Thorten into the cul-de-sac, recommend putting the ramp more at the top of the cul-de-sac to accommodate movement along the path; think about opening the apron up wider by Fordhem; thought the registrants comments were important; also likes staff's idea of running a path along the east side of the tracks, but not instead of the multi-use path on First Street; eliminate some of the driveways in the future; getting a protected bike facility on the west side of First Street between Johnson and East Washington.

Alder Kemble asked them to consider having an illuminated no right turn sign on the north bound right turn lanes on First Street.

Rewey said the left turn lane on East Washington gets congested at rush hour, and recommended a double left turn. Rewey echoed Fosters comments on Fordem, as well as his comments on having a multi-use path along First Street, stating that they should also go all the way up East Washington. Rewey recommended a metal rail instead of a crash worthy rail, and suggested the bike path at First Street and the path be twelve feet wide to allowing for accommodation of bicycles. Rewey echoed Alder Kemble's request to install an illuminated no right turn light on First Street.

Foster requested considering a table top crossing at the Marston Ave intersection with Johnson.

A motion was made by Alder Zellers, seconded by Alder Kemble, to recommend to council to adopt with the commission's comments and recommendations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- E.3. [48175](#) Approving the roadway geometry for CTH AB - Buckeye Road from Monona Drive to Stoughton Road (15th AD), authorizing an Amendment to the contract with the design consultant, and Amending the 2017 Engineering Major Streets Capital Budget by transferring \$65,000 of GO Borrowing from the McKee Road (CTH PD) Improvement project to the Buckeye Road project.

City Engineer, Chris Petykowski, gave a presentation on the roadway geometry for Buckeye Road from Monona Drive to Stoughton Road.

Foster stated his concern with the separation of the bike lane and the right turn onto Lake Edge Blvd. at the Monona Buckeye intersection. Staff stated they could add dash line or other markings to make it more obvious. Foster asked staff to look at the interfaces between bump-outs and driveways, and extending the bump-out if needed.

Rewey asked to have the bike lane have 5 feet of asphalt to maintain consistency of width. Rewey also asked for 5 foot bike lanes on Buckeye Road at the Lakeview islands.

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Alder Zellers to recommend to adopt with comments and recommendations from the commission. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- F.1. [48460](#) Discussion on Downtown Sidewalk Width Analysis Priority from Madison in Motion.

Regarding the Madison in Motion report, page 6-13 item xiii - Alder Zellers agreed that it would be immensely helpful to have this defined and laid out for development proposals that came up because it is currently done on an ad hoc basis, and having this would make the process go much more smoothly. Alder Zellers said she would be happy to talk to Alder Verveer to try and help encourage this being achieved.

G. REPORTS & FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- G.1. [42190](#) Potential Future Agenda Items - PBMVC

Annual Traffic Volume Report
East Washington Corridor Study
Crossing Guard Assignment and Modifications to Assignment
Crossing Guard Assignment and Modifications Process Review
Crash Report Analysis
Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects Priority Draft Plan
Atwood Avenue Reconstruction
East/West Wilson-East Doty-South Pinckney-MLK Initial Review

G.2. 15487 Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal updates may be given as available)

Plan Commission
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
Joint West Campus Area Committee
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee
Bicycle Facilities Maintenance Policy Workgroup

Verbal updates were given

G.3. Reports of Officers and Members for Information: (including Executive Secretary Report, Chair, and Items for Referral and/or Announcements)

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Alder Zellers, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.