

MEETING MINUTES
Bloomington Common Council
Sidewalk Committee

Clerk/Council Library, Suite 110
Bloomington City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
March 12, 2018
12:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Dorothy Granger, Dave Rollo, Jim Sims, Chris Sturbaum
Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Roy Aten (Senior Project Manager), Andrew Cibor (Transportation and Traffic Engineer), Jane Fleig (Utilities Engineer), Dan Sherman (Council Attorney/Administrator), Melissa O'Neill (Assistant Administrator/Legal Research Assistant), Bethany Wages (Deputy City Clerk)

1. Preliminary Matters

Sherman gave a summary of the agenda.

After conferring with the other committee members, Common Council President Granger appointed herself as chair of the committee.

2. Funding for 2018

Sherman stated that the committee had \$312,000 to allocate between sidewalks and traffic-calming projects. He mentioned the possibility of in-kind contributions from other departments toward certain projects.

3. Recently Completed and On-Going Council Sidewalk Projects

Cibor reported on completed projects with 2016 funding, which were completed in 2017. The projects included sidewalks for East 7th Street, Morning Side Drive, Rockport Road, and East 10th Street.

Rollo asked about the East 7th Street project and Green Acres neighborhood. He said that the neighborhood had sought input on aesthetics for the project. He wondered if the neighborhood had obtained a neighborhood improvement grant. Aten said the neighborhood had been waiting until the project was completed before moving forward with the improvement grant. He explained the neighborhood would have to reapply for the grant now that the project was complete. Aten also explained the work that had been completed on the project.

Cibor reported on projects that had received funding for the design stage and were awaiting funds for constructions. The projects included Moores Pike (estimated: \$195,000.00) and a related pedestrian crossing evaluation (\$20,000.00 for design and \$75,000.00 for construction), Union Street Sidewalk (\$215,900.00), South Walnut Street Sidewalk (\$63,000.00), and Mitchell Street Sidewalk (\$198,000.00).

Rollo asked why the Union Street Sidewalk project was estimated at such a high price. He asked if it had to do with storm water. Cibor stated that the high cost was due to the length of the sidewalk plus the addition of storm water features.

Sims asked on which side of Union Street the sidewalk would be built. Cibor said that it was the east side of the road.

Regarding the South Walnut Street project, Granger stated that the committee allocated \$13,000.00 and then asked if the contract cost \$32,000.00. Cibor said yes. He said there was an under-estimation regarding the design when estimates were made.

Sherman asked about the ratio of cost between design and construction. He observed that design cost about half of the price of construction. Cibor stated that smaller projects tended to have a higher ratio in terms of cost with design. He stated that the South Walnut Street project required additional evaluation.

Sturbaum noted that it was nice that the cost of construction was low for the South Walnut Street project.

Rollo stated that he got a lot of complaints regarding flooding on Mitchell Street and asked Fleig if that sidewalk project was a priority for Utilities. Fleig stated that it was a priority and that the project could actually make the flooding problem worse for those downstream as it would concentrate the flow. She stated that she would need to see the actual estimate for the project before committing funds from Utilities for storm water structures. Sherman stated that the committee approved lane-ing for the Mitchell and Maxwell area.

Cibor then reported on 2017 Council Sidewalk Projects. They included Rockport Road Sidewalk (Groomer Construction awarded \$175,298.00), East 10th street from Smith Road to Tamarron Drive (south side) (Crider & Crider awarded \$337,785.00), and the Sare Road Island Crossings (E&B Paving awarded \$147,000.00).

Sturbaum asked if the Rockport project would complete the sidewalk on Rockport, or if it would leave gaps on the side of the road. Cibor said it would complete it from Tapp Road up to Rogers Street.

Sherman asked when Cibor thought the Rockport Road project would be completed. Cibor stated that the portion under construction could be finished by the end of June 2018 and that he hoped the remainder of Rockport Road could be finished by the end of 2018. Sherman asked about the specifics of the East 10th Street project. Cibor said that a sidewalk was to be built from Smith to Tamarron with a median refuge for crossing.

Granger asked why the median part of the East 10th Street project was being paid for by the city and not the state. Cibor stated that the median was for pedestrians and bicycles, not vehicles. He stated that the state at least gave permission to build the median.

Rollo stated that the Sare Road Island Crossings project was a huge project for Spicewood, Hyde Park Village, and Hyde Park. He thanked the committee for allocating funds for and supporting that project. He asked Cibor if the crosswalks would be done by June. Cibor said yes.

Sherman asked for clarification of the location of the Sare Road Island Crossings. Cibor said one was at Winston and the other was at Spicewood.

As a final statement on his report, Cibor stated that Planning and Transportation would not be able to contribute as many funds to the sidewalks projects in 2018.

Sherman asked which projects the committee had already given funds to but were not completed, and how much those projects would cost to complete. Cibor stated that those projects were the Moores Pike, Union Street, South Walnut Street, and Mitchell Street projects. He estimated that it would cost about \$700,000.00 to complete those projects.

Rollo asked if Moores Pike required storm water features. He asked if the onus was on the committee to pay for that project. Fleig stated that there was already infrastructure for storm water on Moores Pike. Cibor stated that the onus was on the committee to pay for the project.

Sherman asked if the committee wanted to ask any questions about ongoing projects.

Sturbaum asked about Tapp Road and Rockport Road being closed until the end of 2018. He asked about temporary measures that could be taken regarding redirecting traffic in the area. Cibor stated that temporary devices were purchased in 2017 to experiment with. He said Allen Street would be targeted to connect the B-Line to Bryan Park. He also said that temporary speed bumps were purchased for use in neighborhood areas affected by redirected traffic.

Cibor brought up a project to support pedestrian accessibility on Kinser Pike that was underway, from Gurley Pike to 17th Street. Planning and Transportation was also pursuing a similar sidewalk project with the Housing and Neighborhood Development department on Adams Street, between Kirkwood and Patterson on the cemetery side.

Sturbaum said it would be good to put down temporary measures before permanent ones as to not scare off neighborhood residents. Granger agreed.

Sturbaum and Sims discussed meeting with Cibor regarding projects affecting their neighborhoods.

Granger brought up the Traffic Calming List. Sherman explained the origins of the list. Granger wanted to have a master list of traffic calming projects and to then prioritize them. She asked the committee to think of projects to add to the list, which would then be given to staff. Rollo said he would like to add the Mitchell Sidewalk at Maxwell to the list so people could cross the street easily. Sherman mentioned that was already on the list. Cibor said that bump-outs were being implemented in the area, including a cross-walk. Sturbaum wanted to add Countryside Lane.

Regarding traffic calming, Granger asked how to prioritize those projects. Cibor said that the code and the traffic safety program needed some attention. He said the way traffic calming projects were currently gauged involved whether neighborhood support was needed or not. He gave examples of problem areas. He also reminded the committee that the Transportation Plan was being worked on and that information could be added into the plan. Sherman stated that he would like Scott Robinson to review the Traffic Calming List.

Sturbaum asked about Broadview and Graham. Graham was on the Traffic Calming List already.

Rollo asked about Moores Pike and Clarizz Boulevard. Cibor said road narrowing would be part of traffic calming, but Sturbaum pointed out that a crosswalk was not a sidewalk. Rollo said he agreed with Granger, that a prioritization model was needed, and that the committee needed more money. Granger said if there was a list of sidewalk projects in advance, the committee would be able to budget better and spend all the money in its funds.

4. Schedule Future Meetings
 - a. Second meeting: April 12, 2018, 12:00PM
 - b. Third meeting: May 2, 2018, 12:00PM
5. Other matters

Rollo asked if Cibor could get a potential share of the storm water project from Utilities for sidewalks. Rollo suggested that Aten and Cibor review the extension of the sidewalk on the north side for Maxwell. He asked that the project be put on the priority list.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.