

In attendance:

J. Blackwood, Alderman R. Grosch, J. Vitale and R. Ford.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk A. Hurd.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Blackwood called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Dated September 19, 2018

A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, R. Ford) to approve the September 19, 2018 minutes. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Dated October 24, 2018

A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, J. Vitale) to approve the October 24, 2018 minutes. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Dated December 12, 2018

A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, R. Ford) to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding the Use of Bicycles and Scooters on Sidewalks

A motion was made and seconded (J. Blackwood, R. Grosch) to recommend the Common Council consider enacting an ordinance that defines a shared use path and sidewalk, and rules for the use of bicycles and scooters on sidewalks. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding the Creation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Handbook

Mr. Blackwood suggested creating a basic framework that could be used for the Committee's preference for certain elements of sidewalks, paths and on-road accommodations. This would be a starting point to be used when the different plans get enacted so there is some consistency between the projects. This would be more

about preferences for things such as concrete for sidewalks, asphalt for shared use paths, and preferences of width.

Mr. Blackwood suggested discussing the on-road part first. He stated it would mainly be paving a gravel shoulder on a rural roadway or wider paved shoulders on a road with curb and gutter like Green Road.

Discussion took place regarding the size and width of paved shoulders. The Committee referred to various roads within the City and discussed their dimensions and traffic counts.

Discussion also took place regarding the dimensions of the signs.

Mr. Blackwood felt there should be a six foot width minimum. At a minimum it should be the same width as the bike lane and he did not think they wanted to narrow it to three feet.

The Committee discussed the grates on the catch basins in the gutters and noted that there are issues if the bars of the grates run parallel to the road.

Mr. Blackwood also mentioned that the shoulders on the new bridges should match the width of the bike lane. They would not have the bike lane marked with a bike lane symbol, as this would keep maintenance costs down. Extra width should be added for turn lanes.

8. Discussion to Select the Next Meeting Date and Possible Items to Go on the Upcoming Agenda

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 4:30pm.

9. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (J. Vitale, R. Grosch) to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ami Hurd
Deputy Clerk

Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Ordinance Definitions

Shared Use Path

A form of infrastructure that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic that supports multiple recreational and transportation opportunities such as walking, biking, inline skating, and other non-motorized activities. Electric bicycles and electric scooters are considered acceptable uses.

Sidewalk

A paved walkway for pedestrians adjacent to a street. Bicycles, electric bicycles, and electric scooters are not acceptable uses unless specified elsewhere in the municipal code.

Other Items to Include in Ordinance

- Bicycles, electric bicycles, and electric scooters may use a sidewalk if the posted speed on an adjacent roadway is 35 mph or greater and the roadway does not have adequate on-road bicycle facility.
- All sidewalk users shall use the walkway in a safe and prudent manner at a similar speed to other sidewalk users.
- Electric bicycles and electric scooters shall follow the same law as manually powered bicycles unless otherwise specified.