

CITY OF MONONA
Ad Hoc Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
MINUTES

1. **Call To Order:** 6:32 PM by committee chair, Doug Wood.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Chair Doug Wood, Alderperson Chad Speight, Mary Possin, Julie Byrnes, Larry Reed, Leslie Busse

Members Absent: Angie Fassl, Brad Bruun

City Staff Present: Dan Stephany, Curt Wiegel, Jeff Johnson

Professional Guests: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Jeff Held, Josh Straka, Tom Lynch of Strand Engineers Inc.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved 3.21.2018 Minutes; First – Leslie Busse, Second – Julie Byrnes

4. **Appearances:** None

5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **New Items:**

A. Summary of Public Meeting Comments

Due to its confusing layout, the intersection of Greenway, Maywood, and McKenna Road was noted as a priority location for improvements. The Committee agreed that bike lanes should be placed on the roads surrounding Monona Grove High School to ensure safety for students biking to school; specifically on Dean Avenue and Monona Drive. Midmoor Road is a heavily trafficked road without a bike lane, which deters bikers from using the corridor. At the intersection of Midmoor and Greenway Road, it has been observed that cars do not stop fully at signs, and that there are trees blocking the signage. The sidewalk bump out at the intersection of Frost Woods and Winnequah Road prevents bikes from turning onto Frost Woods from Winnequah, causing a problem for children and adults alike who bike to Frost Woods Park. There were additional comments from the Committee about Maywood, McKenna and Greenway Roads needing improvements. There is a need to direct traffic towards Monona Drive and Broadway.

B. Finalize Goals and Objectives

The Committee discussed goals for the project, concluding that its main objective is to provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle accommodations that connect Monona neighborhoods to community destinations and the greater region. By creating off-street walkways and congruent lanes and paths for cyclists, Monona can make getting to schools, community facilities, and businesses safer and more accessible for residents. To do this, the City must implement street and intersection design and signage that is sensitive to Monona's unique context, which includes lowering automobile travel speeds and accommodates pedestrian and bicycle transit.

Motion by Mary Possin, Seconded by Leslie Busse

C. Finalize Bike and Pedestrian Corridors

The committee discussed possible ways to make streets safe for pedestrians include creating sidewalks and bike lanes separate from roads, and clearly delineated crosswalks.

D. Policy Objectives

The Committee discussed drafting a policy, which would mandate that sidewalks be provided on both sides of roads. Sidewalks being installed only on one side of the street, would lower costs, but would spark debates amongst residents over which side should get sidewalks. Additionally, if the designated side of the road were to change along a street corridor from one side to the other, it would not only increase the number of crossings needed, and cause more confusion for all groups. Because of these issues, any new policy or project should mandate that sidewalks be installed on both sides of the street.

E. Typical Section

A discussion on different options for redesigning intersections in Monona covered narrowing streets, making them twenty-six feet from face of curb to face of curb. In some cases it may be possible to meander sidewalks around existing structures or impediments, such as trees, signs, telephone poles, etc. The Committee concluded that accommodating pedestrians and cyclists on roads that are busy, and construct sidewalks without narrowing street widths and providing on-street bike holds.

F. Winnequah Road Parking Discussion

The Committee recommends temporary 'No Parking' signage be placed on both South Winnequah and South Owen Roads until September 30, 2018.

Motion by Mary Possin, Seconded by Larry Reed

Motion passed by committee. Temporary 'No Parking' to be reviewed at the next Public Works Committee and City Council meetings.

7. **Next Meeting:** June 27 at 6:30 PM, Monona Public Library Municipal Room
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM. Motion – Leslie Busse Second – Mary Possin

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