



**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN 53590**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2018

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 E. MAIN STREET
SUN PRAIRIE WI 53590

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Chairperson Mayor Paul Esser called the meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to order at 6:02 pm. Attendance sheet attached.

Staff present: Aaron Oppenheimer, Tom Veith, Scott Kugler, Tim Semmann, Sarah Sauer, Philip Gritzmacher, Jr.

Others Present: Jason Valerius (MSA)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Hooser requested a fix to item 4.B. of the December 12, 2018 minutes.

Motion to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes: Stevens (1st), Kuehl (2nd) / approval by voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lee and Cheryl Graves spoke in support of the city providing multimodal transportation options. Cheryl said that she cannot and has never been able to drive due to a disability. She said that she is currently reliant on her husband to driver her to and from downtown Madison for work before he goes to work himself. She explained that if he is unable to take her she has no way of getting to work. She also said that weather could make their commuter incredibly difficult. She said that having other options would be very helpful for her.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. **PRCOESS AND SCHEDULE:** Valerius said that that the meeting schedule will soon revert to meeting monthly again.

B. **DISCUSSION OF MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES OVERVIEW**

- a. Active Transportation: Valerius explained that the term Active Transportation will be used to describe “people powered” transportation – walking and biking. He then gave a presentation with an overview of existing infrastructure and relevant survey results from the comprehensive plan survey.
- b. Biking on Sidewalks: Valerius explained that Sun Prairie has an ordinance that says people can ride bikes on the sidewalks everywhere except for downtown. Stevens said that she agrees with the policy but is surprised that it exists. Muller said that he agreed with the policy and that an alternative route should be created on Lane Street or Angell Street. Valle said that he thought cycling in the street was safer and that the community should invest in on-street facilities. Stempski said that he agreed that biking on sidewalks downtown doesn’t make sense. Barrett said that cyclists on sidewalks can surprise motorists and lead to collisions. Dettmer said that he would prefer to not have cyclists on the sidewalk but understands that they may have to be unless the network is improved.

Lindsey recommended adopting a complete streets policy to better improve the bicycle network. Semmann said that a complete streets policy was included in the last plan but was not implemented. Kugler provided some examples of complete streets. Hooser said that he feels unsafe as a bicyclist downtown and said that he is against removing bicyclists from sidewalks in residential areas.

Lindsey then recommended that supporting amenities, such as bike racks, be moved to recommended routes to encourage cyclists to take those routes. Others agreed with this idea. Valle mentioned that he believed that there are confusion about the preferred way for cyclists to navigate through roundabouts. Semmann said that there was not a consensus on this amongst engineers. Gritzmacher said that the confusion regarding this and other issues highlight the need for an active transportation plan.

- c. Sidewalks Retrofits: Valerius explained that every new neighborhood since 2005 has been constructed with sidewalks. He then discussed the benefits of sidewalks, the feedback provided in the comprehensive plan survey, and provided an overview of recent sidewalk exemptions.

Hidalgo asked if there were thresholds for exceptions. Veith said that cost is usually the determinant, but that importance to the overall network is also a factor. Kugler said that the policy appears to be subjective and said he would prefer it to be objective. Oppenheimer said that the real question is whether there should be exceptions at all.

Manthey said that she does not want sidewalks in her neighborhood and that there should be exceptions. Schulze agreed. Kuel said that driveway steepness should be the only exceptions. Dettmer asked if it was possible to narrow streets to add sidewalks or if that was already happening under existing policy. Veith said that it does happen and that Engineering sees this as a positive.

Kugler said that if exceptions exist they should be clear and objective. Hooser said that he disagrees and that sidewalks should be installed without exception. Esser said that sidewalks should be installed everywhere, every time, everyplace. He said that he understands exceptions but doesn’t agree with them.

- d. Highway 19 Routing and Congestion:
- e. Transit Service: Gritzmacher provided a brief update about the City’s progress at bringing commuter bus service to Sun Prairie residents. He explained that this would be the first phase of transit in the community and that local routes may come later in the future if the

express route is successful. Valle said that Metro travel times can be incredibly long from East Towne to places on the west side of Madison – sometimes over an hour. He wondered how this would be faster. Gritzmacher said that the Sun Prairie route will have many fewer stops. Sun Prairie to Downtown Madison will be a bit over 30 minutes.

Hooser expressed concern about locating a park and ride along Highway 151. Gritzmacher said that visibility is important to the success of the park and ride. Valerius said visibility increases safety and improves the perception of the park and ride. Manthey said that she would only use a park and ride if it were convenient. Stempski said that he believes that a new park and ride should not be constructed – service should be improved to the existing park and ride.

Valerius said that a discussion of the shared-ride taxi will be deferred to a future meeting.

- f. Elective-Assist Bikes and Scooters: Deferred to a future meeting.
- g. Autonomous and Elective Vehicles: Deferred to a future meeting.

6. DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. The next meeting date will be January 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to adjourn the January 16, 2019 meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee at 8:02 pm by Schulze (1st), Stevens (2nd) / approval by voice vote.

Recorder: P. Gritzmacher, Jr.

*Paul T. Esser - Chairperson
Jorge Hidalgo
Drew Kuehl
John Muller
Janet Rosseter
Bryant Stempski
Angela Thomas*

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 1-19-2019

Committee Members	Present	Absent
Mayor Paul T. Esser - Chairperson	x	
Kalvin Barrett	x	
Peter Dettmer	x	
Jorge Hidalgo	x	
Don Hooser	x	
Curt Klinkner	x	
Drew Kuehl	x	
Emily Lindsey	x	
Stephanie Manthey	x	
John Muller	x	
Terrell Outlay		x
Dan Presser	x	
Janet Rosseter	x	
Erin Ruth	x	
John Schulze	x	
Bryant Stempski	x	
Theresa Stevens	x	
Angela Thomas	x	
Eder Valle	x	