

Draft Minutes CSAC – December 8th, 2021 @ 3:00PM – Virtual Meeting

Location – Virtual

I. Call to Order – Time:

Members Present (Voting, Appointed)

- Chair Bob Dennison
- Vice Chair John Grossbohlín
- Claudette Ford
- Andi Turco-Levin

City Staff Present (Non-Voting, Support)

- Greg Krupp
- Emily Flynn

Public Present

- Helen Atkinson
- EJ Michel
- David Staas

II. Welcome Guests and Public Comment

- a. Helen Atkinson – Here on behalf of CAC. Resident of Kingston since 2013.
- b. EJ Michel – Resident on Franklin St.
 - i. Represent a group of residents on Franklin St interested in the Complete Streets project.

III. Review and Approval of September 2021 minutes

- a. See attached September 2021 minutes
- b. Motion by John G , Second by Claudette F
- c. 3 Yes, 0 No

IV. Old Business

- a. eScooter and eBike Legislation

- i. Sent a note to the Mayor suggesting a local ordinance to regulate shared eBike/Scooter system. No response as of yet.
 - ii. 4 new councilmembers and a new corporation counsel as of 2022.
 - iii. Bird scooter company still in touch with Emily for a pilot program
 - iv. **Action: Revisit issue in early 2022 with new council/corp counsel.**
- b. Sidewalk Improvement District
 - i. Sent a note to the Mayor to restart initiative to lead to a referendum on creating a sidewalk improvement district. No response as of yet.
 - ii. Similar issue to eScooter issue in terms of turnover in Common Council and Corporation Counsel's office.
 - iii. High priority due to timing in order to get it to referendum in 2022, which is preferable to having it on the 2023 ballot.
 - iv. Helen Atkinson – Commenting on the horrible condition of the sidewalks throughout Kingston, noting people walking with strollers in the middle of the road.
 - v. **Action: Revisit issue in early 2022 with new council/corp counsel.**
- c. Traffic Safety Campaign – Emily Flynn update
 - i. Purpose is to educate all roadway users on the new traffic patterns being introduced city-wide and particularly in the Broadway corridor.
 - ii. Kristen Wilson and the Mayor went to Council with a request to fund the campaign in Spring/Summer of 2021. It was denied at the time.
 - iii. Mayor went back to the Council after some cyclist fatalities, and the Council approved \$45K for a campaign.
 - iv. Request for Proposals was previously submitted for marketing consultants, and the City narrowed it down to the top 3 consultants.
 - v. Education campaign to roll out in about April 2022, in line with Spring when a lot of cyclists will start using the new infrastructure.

- vi. Plan will be scale-able beyond the Broadway corridor even though some specific elements will have to geared directly toward Broadway elements, such as green bike boxes.
 - vii. David Staas – Ulster County will be involved to help encourage consistency between the City’s plan and the County’s traffic safety effort. There are also opportunities to incorporate the Governor’s Traffic Safety Board and state-wide efforts.
- d. Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan – Emily Flynn update
- i. Consultant Barton & Loguidice hired to undertaking planning effort.
 - ii. Currently in public outreach phase.
 - iii. New app for ped/bike plan to map concerns in City.
 - 1. Available here: <https://engagekingston.com/pedestrian-bicycle-master-plan>
 - 2. Maribel in Clerk’s office can interpret the instruction of the apps
 - iv. Purpose of crowdsourcing app is to map out critical routes to prioritize the ADA transition plan.
 - v. Background – Ulster County did initial sidewalk condition survey for City of Kingston. Large part of the planning effort is to develop an ADA transition plan to get all sidewalks into compliance with federal requirements.
- e. Hurley Ave – Parking in bike lane
- i. Morell sent email by John. No response as of yet.
 - ii. **Action: Morell stepping down; Follow-up with Alderwoman Hill.**
- f. New Members
- i. Currently seeking new members.
 - ii. CSAC will also need a new Common Council liaison with Alderman O’Reilly stepping down.

iii. Emily – Alderwoman Hill will be on Live Well Commission and the CSAC could make a request to President Shaut to have her appointed to Complete Streets as well.

g. Project updates.

- i. Broadway Streetscape - Waiting on signal equipment for substantial completion. The cycle track is still closed.
- ii. I-587 Roundabout - Substantially complete. Waiting on RRFB equipment on the I-587 side.
- iii. Broadway Grand Intersection - Waiting on signal equipment.
- iv. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan - Project is complete.
- v. Henry Street Safe Routes to School - In final design, expecting to go out to bid in Spring 2022 for construction in Summer 2022.
- vi. Franklin St Complete Streets - Progressing toward final design, expecting to go out to bid in Spring 2022 for construction in Summer 2022.
- vii. Kingston Rail Trail - To go out to bid in 2022.

V. New Business

a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- i. Brian and David Staas presented some slides they related to the IIJA.
- ii. Brian – The UCTC is just beginning to get a sense of the specifics of the new law. Essentially it is an extension of the existing federal surface transportation authorization act in addition to broader infrastructure funding. Transportation is ~50% of the act.
- iii. Claudette – This could present an opportunity to blend housing and transit money in order to make sure that new housing initiatives have public transportation options.
- iv. Brian – The MPO is required to update its Transportation Improvement Program in 2022. They anticipate putting out a call for new projects in

Fall/Winter 2022 if they have the additional funds made available through IJA.

b. Kingston Forward: Citywide Rezoning

- i. Kingston undergoing a form-based code rezoning effort.
- ii. Consultant Dover, Kohl & Partners hired to undergo the planning effort.
- iii. Information available here: <https://engagekingston.com/kingston-forward>
- iv. Consultants are currently undertaking the public outreach effort, including an extensive multi-day charrette. Input is still being taken on the website.
- v. First draft is expected to be presented in Spring 2022.
- vi. Streetscape elements will be a part of the zoning process, specifically creating street standards based on level of development desired in an area of the City (i.e. urban core vs. rural).

c. Gaps in Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity

- i. John G – Expressing concerns about the integration of bicycle infrastructure in recent surface transportation infrastructure projects in the City that likely won't be updated for another 50 years once their completed.
 1. I-587 Roundabout – no dedicated bicycle accommodations and dangerous for pedestrians.
 2. Uptown Transportation Improvements – Adding turn lane at Clinton Ave & Main St, taking away real estate from cyclists.
 3. Linear projects often fall short at intersections, which is typically the hardest part for cyclists.

VI. Announcements/Communication /Events /Updates

- a. Emily Flynn – PBMP Public Meeting - January 18th at 6:00PM

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Claudette F, Second by Brian S
- b. Time: 4:40PM