

Final Minutes CSAC – June 10th, 2020 at 3:00 pm – Go-To Meeting

1. Call to Order – Time: 3:05 PM
 - Members Present – Chair Bob Dennison, Claudette Ford, John Grossbohlín, Sarah Wenk
 - City Staff Present – Emily Flynn, Greg Krupp, Kristen Wilson, Patrick O’Reilly
2. Welcome Guests and Public Comment
 - Public present – Lorraine Farina (on behalf of CAC, Sidewalk Taskforce)
 - Public comment – No comment
3. Review and Approval of April 2020 minutes
 - Motion by John G, Seconded by Sarah W
 - Minutes approved – Yes - 4, No - 0, Abstain - 0
4. Old Business
 - a. Project update discussion
 - Broadway Streetscape - Construction ongoing on South side of Broadway, grading for sidewalks East of Henry, demolition of sidewalks West of Henry.
 - Broadway & Grand Intersection – Upcoming virtual public meeting for feedback on design on June 24th @ 6:30pm.
5. New Business
 - a. eBike & eScooter Draft Policy Discussion
 - Review of Ithaca policy – eBike and eScooter sharing companies are prohibited on trails without local action to allow them.
 - Claudette – Not opposed to allowing eBike/eScooter sharing companies to operate within City limits and on trails in the future.
 - John – Wondering about people who have purchased electric scooters. How do you differentiate these from short-term rental users on trails?
 - Bob – Enforcement becomes an issue around distinguishing which electric vehicles are allowable on trails (bikes vs. scooters vs. wheelchairs) and which are not.

- Emily – Believes the CSAC and City should work toward making eBikes allowable on the Kingston Greenline.
 - Sarah – Not a fan of electric vehicles on trails due to safety issues centering on the speed of these users. Also notes noise concerns on the trails.
 - Emily – Language in Ithaca legislation is specific about electric vehicles vs. gas motorized vehicles. Electric bikes are quieter and help people with disabilities or elderly use these trails.
 - Kristen – Also advocates for people who might not be able to use the trails without electric assist in order to open trails up to a wider range of users.
 - Bob – Do we want to take a position on this or not at this time?
 - CSAC consensus to review more literature in order to come up with a comprehensive view of this issue for Kingston, especially for when an eBike/eScooter company wants to come to Kingston.
- b. Temporary street closures for outdoor cafes during COVID-19
- The county is currently exploring this option for safe dining as we open back up from NY PAUSE.
 - Andi – Via previous email had mentioned how this could create parking issues.
 - Claudette –
 - Access issues for people who are disabled if a street is closed.
 - Raises point about parking meter revenues vs. sales tax revenue?
 - John – Where is this sort of dining appropriate? There may be areas where restaurants can use parking spaces instead of closing whole streets.
 - Kristen – Survey on engagekingston.com regarding this issue for residents and business owners to take. Feedback is generally positive on this issue so far.
 - Mayor can take action through execute order to allow restaurants to use street or parking space for outdoor dining.
 - Sarah – What do the business want? Do they actually want to/feel safe enough to operate these sorts of outdoor dining spaces?
 - Emily – Parking revenue not relevant to this current conversation because the meters are bagged through Columbus Day.
 - Bob – Better not to take a position until the survey comes back and the Mayor has a sense of how he would like to handle it.
 - Consensus to hold off on taking a position until more survey data is captured.
- c. Complete Streets Vice Chair discussion/nomination
- Bob would like nominate John as Vice Chair.
 - Claudette motions to nominate John as Vice Chair, Sarah seconded.
 - Yes – 4, No – 0

6. Announcements/Communication /Events /Updates

- No announcements at this time.

7. Adjournment

- Time – 3:50

- Motion by Sarah, Second by Claudette.

- Yes – 4, No – 0