



City of Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
3:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER - Council Members (Voting)

Andi Turco-Levin* _____
Bob Dennison* _____
Brian Slack* _____
Claudette Ford* _____
John Grossbohlín* _____
Sarah Wenk* _____

Council Members (Non-Voting)

Emily Flynn# _____
Greg Krupp# _____
Patrick O'Reilly# _____
Kristen Wilson# _____

*Appointed #Staff Support

I WELCOME GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

II REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 2020 MINUTES

II.a. June 2020 Minutes
[Draft Minutes CSAC 2020 06.docx](#)

III OLD BUSINESS

III.a. Project update discussion – please visit www.kingston-ny.gov/kingstononthemove
for specifics project updates prior to the meeting.

III.b. Temporary street closures for outdoor cafes during COVID-19

III.c. Conversions of signals to stop signs update - Brian Slack

III.d. eBike & eScooter Draft Policy Discussion

IV NEW BUSINESS

IV.a. Thomas St parking

V ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATION /EVENTS /UPDATES

VI ADJOURNMENT

Complete Streets Advisory Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

Submitted by: Greg Krupp

Submitting Department: Engineering

Item Type: Informational Purposes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

June 2020 Minutes

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Draft Minutes CSAC 2020 06.docx](#)

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

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

- o Emily – Believes the CSAC and City should work toward making eBikes allowable on the Kingston Greenline.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Bob – Do we want to take a position on this or not at this time?
- o 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
 - o The county is currently exploring this option for safe dining as we open back up from NY PAUSE.
 - o Andi – Via previous email had mentioned how this could create parking issues.
 - o Claudette –
 - Access issues for people who are disabled if a street is closed.
 - Raises point about parking meter revenues vs. sales tax revenue?
 - o John – Where is this sort of dining appropriate? There may be areas where restaurants can use parking spaces instead of closing whole streets.
 - o 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.
 - o Sarah – What do the business want? Do they actually want to/feel safe enough to operate these sorts of outdoor dining spaces?
 - o Emily – Parking revenue not relevant to this current conversation because the meters are bagged through Columbus Day.
 - o 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.
 - o Consensus to hold off on taking a position until more survey data is captured.
- c. Complete Streets Vice Chair discussion/nomination
 - o Bob would like nominate John as Vice Chair.
 - o Claudette motions to nominate John as Vice Chair, Sarah seconded.
 - o Yes – 4, No – 0

6. Announcements/Communication /Events /Updates

- o No announcements at this time.

7. Adjournment

- o Time – 3:50
- o Motion by Sarah, Second by Claudette.
- o Yes – 4, No – 0

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