

Board of Alderman Committee Minutes

Public Works Committee

Date: 05/17/2017 Convened 5:30 p.m. Adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Alderman Larson

Committee Members Present: Alderman Tommola, Alderman Mattis, Alderman Donahue. Absent: Alderman Depoy

Other Alderman Present: Alderman Davis, Alderman Ryan, Alderman Notte, Alderman Etti.

Others Present: Public Works Commissioner Wennberg, City Engineer James Rotundo, Mayor David Allaire, Alan Keays.

On June 1, 2015, the Board of Alderman approved a motion to “Move the issue (a Complete Streets Policy) to the Public Works Committee to work in collaboration with the Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works and City Engineer to develop a plan to implement the Complete Streets program for the City of Rutland. The document that was presented was the result of that collaboration.

The Draft Guidance Document that was presented to the Board of Alderman, as well as the City Planning Commission and other planning and advocacy groups for comment. Commissioner Wennberg announced that a public hearing will be held on June 13, 2017 at the Courcelle Recreation Department facility on North Street Extension, at 5:30 p.m., to explain the draft document to the public and allow for public comment. The document is available online and the public can submit comments on line as well.

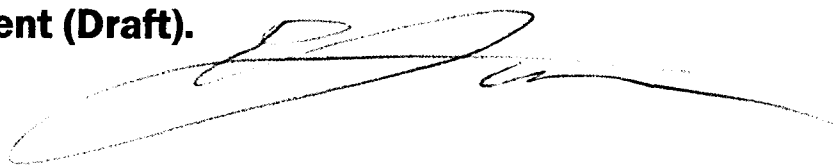
Once the comment period has closed, the Department of Public Works, Recreation Department, Rutland Redevelopment Authority and Police Department will collectively review the comments and propose changes to the document as appropriate. The resulting Final Draft will be presented to the Board of Highway Commissioners for review and final approval. The approval of the Complete Streets Guidance Document by the Board of Highway Commissioners will be final and not subject to appeal.

City Engineer Rotundo, utilizing a power point presentation went through the entire document and explained how the Complete Streets Guidance will be utilized throughout the City as a guideline for following mandates established under Act 34, which was passed in 2011, requiring consideration of all users of roadways, sidewalks, etc., regardless of their age, ability, or preferred mode of transportation. This consideration would extend to planning, design, construction as well as maintenance; and would be required regardless of the project's funding sources.

Discussion centered on impact on various sections of the community as redevelopment continues; and also the City's right to exclude some projects due to cost factors and other variables outlined in the Draft.

A motion was made by Alderman Donahue to submit to the full Board of Alderman endorsement of the Complete Streets Guidance Document and any Alderman desiring to comment on possible changes to submit that comments to Board President Davis who is a member of the Board of Highway Commissioners. The motion passed 4-0, and I so move.

Attachments: Meeting Posting, Complete Streets Guidance Document (Draft).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "Donahue", written over a horizontal line.