

## **Minutes Sidewalk Committee – City of Madison, SD August 7, 2008**

Present: Arnold Baltzer, Sharon Knapp, Roy Lindsay, Commissioner Dick Ericsson, City Engineer Chad Comes, Mayor Gene Hexom (ex-officio).  
Absent: Jeff Lechner, Anita Weidaman.

The committee convened at 5:15 p.m. in the City Commission room. The agenda was approved.

City Engineer Chad Comes reviewed sidewalk considerations from the comprehensive plan, recommendations made by the committee in 2007 and street functional classifications.

The committee reviewed the sidewalk situation and pedestrian safety issues at the new aquatic center at Westside Park. Following discussion, it was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Ericsson that the City of Madison submit a request to the S.D. Dept. of Transportation to install a pedestrian-activated stop light at the corner of N. Olive Ave. and N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (Hwy. 34). Motion carried.

The committee discussed the unfinished sidewalk portions along S. Washington Ave. from S.E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. south to the Hwy. 34 intersection. Following discussion, it was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Knapp that city officials continue discussions with property owners to resolve right-of-way issues to allow the installation of sidewalks on the east and west sides of S. Washington Ave. south to the Hwy. 34 intersection. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the 2007 recommendation to install sidewalks near the Dakota State University Campus on N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. This project was not completed in 2008 due to budget considerations. It was moved by Knapp and seconded by Lindsay that sidewalks be completed in 2009 on both sides of N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Washington Ave. east to N. Prairie Ave. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the 2007 committee recommendation to complete the sidewalks on West Ave. North from 9<sup>th</sup> St. south to N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (Hwy. 34). This project was not completed in 2008 due to budget considerations. Following discussion, it was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Knapp to complete the sidewalks on West Ave. North from N.W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. south to N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (Hwy. 34) in 2009. Motion carried.

City Engineer Comes reviewed the policy on accommodating landowner's desires regarding sidewalk location. Following discussion, it was moved by Knapp and seconded by Lindsay that any exceptions to the 5 ft. offset be submitted to the sidewalk committee in writing for consideration and recommendation to the city commission. Motion carried.

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The committee discussed the ADA standard for installation of handicap ramps. It was the consensus of the committee to follow the current ADA standards for all new sidewalk construction. Retrofit of older ramps should be considered on a case by case basis.

It was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Ericsson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.