

City of Decorah Street Committee Meeting Monday, November 20, 2017 – 6:30pm

The City of Decorah Street Committee met on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:30pm. Chair Gary Rustad called the meeting to order.

Kirk Johnson, Dan Bellrichard, and Randy Schissel were present.

Others in attendance: Steve Luse, Andy Carlson, Engineer Lindsay Erdman, Street Superintendent Kevin Nelson and City Manager Chad Bird. Kathy Bakken and Mark Mugli were also present to provide input.

Agenda

1. Update on Oneota Drive Bridge

Bird provided a brief update on the project and provided visual materials on bridge design options. He noted that there would be two main discussion points from the meeting, a bridge design aesthetically and determination of a bridge width and technical aspects.

Erdman provided some background and engaged the committee in some discussions. Mayor Arendt asked if the committee would consider having all Decorah bridges look similar in design. Ross Hadley asked what the widest city vehicle is and whether that would play into designs.

Key discussion points included:

- 1) Bridge width became a compromise decision. Several wanted 20' primarily for cost reasons though there was some aesthetic reasoning as well. 30' was viewed as too much investment in a low volume location. 26' was accepted to provide some added width for both use and future maintenance reasons at a lower cost than 30'. There was discussion about providing a traffic lane / pattern conceptual layout.*
- 2) A configuration for laning based on the 26' width continues to be a concern vehicle single laning and painted shoulders didn't seem unacceptable, but there was concern about how bikes would be handled in this scenario if sharrowed. Options will be presented at a later meeting.*
- 3) Type of Bridge too became a compromise though not a unanimous choice. May be subject to some confirming discussion, but in general the group chose the concrete beam bridge with the Fifth Ave deck and rail aesthetics. There was significant interest in the truss as well. I used the \$30,000 in the Fifth Ave Bridge estimate (steel beam) as a figure to use to upgrade the concrete beam bridge. The committee seemed to prefer the PPCB bridge design option but incorporate the formed and colored concrete with green railings.*
- 4) Lighting was discussed and staff offered that perhaps the recommendation would be to consider lighting at the ends which space approximately similar to the trail lighting.*
- 5) Bird and Erdman briefly reviewed the timeline and schedule. Briefly discussed timing as it relates to the Temp Road and seasonal issues as well as campground.*
- 6) Reuse of existing bridge potential was a question. Staff noted that while the bridge had been moved here once, the trail 28e had discussed potential move as well and was noted this is a difficult salvage for any reasonable longer term use.*
- 7) Question of locally funding through donations to increase the possible investment to allow upgrade to a higher standard. Staff noted this was possible, but would need some support and expanding on how this would be done.*

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There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
Respectfully submitted,

