Downtown Sidewalks Committee

Walking Tour of Downtown

Monday, October 16, 2023

Present: Gay Grant, Clare Marron, Dorothy Washburne, Tamara Whitmore, Melissa Lindley, Greg Stevens, Tucker Fitzmaurice, Dakota Hewlitt

Notes & Observations:

* Buildings need larger diameter water pipes for installing sprinklers. Can that be included as part of the construction phase?
* Need to define limits of the sidewalk where it leads into Dearborn Park. Cannot include the entire park as part of the sidewalk replacement project
* Can we achieve universal access into buildings – some have steps up to enter
* Lamp posts can be placed closer to the curb to maximize sidewalk widths
* End project on Church Street at Mechanic Street. Include crosswalk near city hall across Church, and another curb between Domino’s entrance and parking lot.
* Current issue at the Domino’s corner: There is no level, flat surface, so when it is icy/slick you slide into the street
* Add a crosswalk from CNB to Renys at the narrow point in front of CNB? Hydrant is across the street. Add a bump out?
* End project at entrance to Renys parking lot entrance and at Steamboat lane
* Try to preserve/retain tree in front of Bintliffs/Bateau
* Plowing between hydrant and Renys entrance is a tight fit.
* End project at 9 Maine Ave, at rear alleyway entrance
* End point on the Depot side of street?
* Where is a safe crossing location for Depot/Waterfront?
* How many lamp posts are needed? Lights are brighter now with LED bulbs. At current height they shine into 2nd floor windows.
* Some parking spaces may be lost due to distance from crosswalk
* End point - at post office and 347 Water Street Corners
* Sidewalk around the Key Bank/JM Arbor corner not included?

Next meeting: November 20, 2023 at 10am, City Hall Council Chambers