

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 4, 2014

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, September 4, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Diana Gonzalez, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski, Laura Shlitz and Cheryl Weber. Also attending was Teresa Gillotti of the City Planning Department and City Councilman Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Laura Shlitz, seconded by Diana Gonzalez, to accept the September agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes - A motion was made by Laura Shlitz, seconded by Diana Gonzalez, to accept the August meeting minutes with no objections.
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications – A majority of the meeting time was spent working to complete the Walk Friendly Community application which will be submitted well prior to the December 15th deadline.
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – No updates.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Construction is expected to begin on the new Trail bridge from Riverside Park to Michigan Avenue, and permanent Water Street area Trail, by late October.
 - Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street - No updates.
 - Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets – A guidelines and protocol document for creating new bike lanes was briefly discussed. Also needed is a survey of possible bike lane additions throughout the City.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – The Downtown Association of Ypsilanti (DAY), at their August meeting, unanimously supported a Bike Friendly Business. The next step will be taking this matter to the Downtown Development Authority.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – The Non-Motorized Committee table at the late August Parkridge Summerfest was very well received. The Committee may also possibly have table space at a joint Eastern Michigan University/City of Ypsilanti street festival on September 13th.
 - Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl - "Stop For Pedestrians" signs were recently set up on Cross Street in Depot Town.
 - b. I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – Committee members have been attending the Washtenaw Area Transit Study (WATS) Huron/I-94 Non-Motorized Crossing Steering Committee meetings, at which a preferred Alternative (#4) was approved with Alternative #1 being a second choice. It was also learned that such non-motorized improvements to this bridge could perhaps be completed in 2016.
 - c. Upcoming events –SEMCOG Non-Motorized Plan meeting 9/18, 4-7pm, Ypsilanti City Hall (Presentations at 4:30pm and 6pm), Car-Free Day (9/22), downtown Halloween event (10/30).
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Brief update by Teresa Gillotti.
 - b. Additional bike racks – After input from the Committee and community members, a list of requested additional bicycle racks, and relocations, were provided to the Downtown Development Authority.
 - c. I-94/Huron Street Non-Motorized Improvements support letter – The Committee unanimously approved a letter to the City Planning Commission and City Council urging they support the WATS Huron/I-94 Non-Motorized Crossing Steering Committee's preferred alternative for non-motorized improvements to the Huron Street /I-94 bridge.
 - d. Other
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Kevin Hill, seconded by Laura Shlitz, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:43pm. The next meeting Thursday, October 2, 2014.