

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, September 5, 2013

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Bob Krzewinski, Laura Shiltz and Cheryl Weber. Also present was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shiltz, to accept the September agenda, with no objections
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes - A motion was made by Laura Shiltz, seconded by Cheryl Weber, to accept the August minutes, with no objections
4. Old business
 - a. 2013 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalk completion/improvements – Bob Krzewinski will check with the Planning Department to see if volunteers have been confirming sidewalk conditions from the City sidewalk map.
 - Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Work on revising the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Ypsilanti Border To Border Trail map should start in the autumn with the plan to have the map include more bike routes.
 - Additional bike parking hoop locations & bike corrals – Kevin Hill could not make the meeting but informed Bob Krzewinski that the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority has dedicated funding for more racks and for bike corrals (multiple racks in one location).
 - Border To Border Trail Ypsilanti completion – Design work is still being done on the Riverside Park to Michigan Avenue bridge along with continuing talks with the Michigan Department of Transportation on a signaled crossing of Michigan Avenue for Trail users.
 - Bike Friendly Community application – No update.
 - b. Hamilton/Michigan pedestrian crossing – No update.
 - c. Ypsi bike-friendly businesses – Bob Krzewinski and Kevin Hill will meet in September to discuss the implementation of a Bike Friendly Business Program in Ypsilanti meant to not only make biking to a business more inviting for customers, but also encourage employees to bike to work.
 - d. Other – WEMU news segment on the Committee aired the morning of August 2nd (<http://wemu.org/post/non-motorized-advisory-committee-working-emu-b2b-trail-safety> to listen); Bob Krzewinski will look into having a non-motorized information table in the Eastern Michigan University Student Center.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – The City Planning Department staff attended the first meeting of a Washtenaw Area Traffic Study task force dealing with non-motorized improvements to the Huron Street crossing of I-94 and has requested Committee members to also sit on the task force (Laura Shiltz is interested). Planning staff is also looking into adding bicycle symbol signs atop each “Share The Road” sign posted around the City.
 - b. Additional bike lane locations – Input request went out over the Committee Facebook page with suggestions for Forest, Cornell, Huron River Drive, West Cross Street. Planning Department has recommended reviewing the Non-Motorized Master Plan for bike lane suggestions there. Bob Krzewinski will send out an email to Committee members on this subject including background data for discussion at the October meeting.
 - c. 2014 priorities – To be discussed starting with the October meeting for finalization at the December meeting. Suggestion was made for priorities document to have a calendar for events the Committee plans for specific dates through the year. Bob Krzewinski will send out a separate email to Committee members with priority background information (past years priorities, Non-Motorized Plan “Prioritize” Section 10).
 - d. Other – Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition having an organization input meeting in early October – Bob Krzewinski will send out invitation email to Committee members asking Committee members to attend; Bob Krzewinski will look into having the Non-Motorized Committee on the WLBY Lucy Ann Lance radio show Friday Ypsi segment; Bob Krzewinski will work on soliciting more volunteers to help with Non-Motorized Committee projects; Bob Krzewinski will also look into the new bike share service in Ypsilanti started by developer Stuart Beal, possibly doing a test rental.
6. Other Items – Announcements – As in past years, the Non-Motorized Committee will have a “candy-table” at the annual Downtown Association Halloween Festival (Friday, October 25, 5pm to 6:30pm) with Cheryl Weber checking in giveaways from the AAATA. Bob Krzewinski requested that the October meeting be moved to the 2nd Thursday starting at 6pm as he would be out of town the first week of the month.
7. Adjournment – The motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shiltz, to adjourn the meeting, with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

