

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 2012

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm, September 6, 2012 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members in attendance were Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski, Richard Murphy and Cheryl Webber.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made to approve the agenda by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Richard Murphy, passing without objection.
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes – A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Richard Murphy, passing without objection.
 - c. Committee communications received – Bob Krzewinski indicated that the City Planning Department was encouraging Committee members to attend the upcoming Climate Action Plan meeting, to which Richard Murphy indicated he would be attending.
 - d. Other
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update - No new updates.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – No new updates.
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Kevin Hill indicated that the Downtown Development Agency (DDA) was looking to incorporate additional bicycle parking loops into a larger streetscape development program.
 - d. City Non-Motorized web page – Bob Krzewinski is still gradually adding information to the page.
 - e. 2012 Non-Motorized Committee Priorities
 - Eastern Michigan University information table – Bob Krzewinski will work on setting up a biking and walking information table at the EMU Student Center with a tentative date of September 21st.
 - Fall non-motorized input session – Briefly discussed
 - Library bicycling/walking section additions – Bob Krzewinski will contact the library about adding to the downtown library walking and bicycling book choices.
 - Library bicycling/walking programs – The Committee, along with Bike Ypsi, will give a cold-weather cycling talk at the downtown library on November 10th.
 - Bike Friendly Community application – No new updates.
 - f. Labor Day Ypsi “Bridge” Walk report – Around 20 people attended the walk with good coverage in the Ypsilanti Courier and WEMU.
 - g. Heritage Festival valet bicycle parking report – Approximately 140 bicycles were parked over the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. An information table associated with the parking gave out bicycling information.
 - h. Other – Kevin Hill invited the Committee to again take part in the downtown Halloween program on Friday, October 26th from 5pm to 6:30pm. Cheryl Webber will look into the AATA donating pedestrian blinking safety lights.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Bob Krzewinski gave an update on talks he had with the City Planning Department.
 - b. MDOT Michigan Avenue HAWK crossing survey – This will be done on Saturday, September 22nd by the Michigan Department of Transportation and will count how many people currently cross Michigan Avenue by the Michigan Avenue bridge across the Huron River.
 - c. Green painted bike lanes – Bob Krzewinski reported on what he had found on green painted bike lanes which enhance cyclist safety (cars are less likely to travel into a painted bike lane). Kevin Hill suggested working with Eastern Michigan University on green-painted bike lanes near campus.
 - d. Forest Avenue bike lane gap – An informal survey was done over two weeks on how many cars parked in parking spots on Forest Avenue between Prospect and River Streets, with a very low number of cars ever parking in designated spots.
 - e. Cross Street construction completion event – No new updates on a “grand opening” of West Cross where the street would be closed to motor vehicle traffic.
 - f. Other – All current Committee members terms end in January 2013. Bob Krzewinski will work with the Planning Commission/City Council to recommend that by January, half of the appointments serve one year and the other half two years so as to have staggered reappointments. Also discussed was the thought of a possible State of Michigan Land Trust Grant for 2013 to improve Riverside and Frog Island Parks, specifically concentrating on the Border To Border Trail.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Hill, seconded by Richard Murphy, passing without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

