

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order, April 2, 2015, 7:03pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Diana Gonzalez, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Sara Walsh. Also attending was City Councilman Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sara Walsh, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes - A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Sara Walsh, to accept the March minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. New Committee members – Bob Krzewinski sent out a message to Facebook and email contacts on the need for additional Committee members. Also, Mayor Amanda Edmonds is trying to get members of the local handicapped community to become more involved with the Committee.
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map - Tony Bedogne gave an update on the new map, indicating that printing will take place shortly with Ypsilanti receiving 200 initial copies. Suggestions were given on placement (i.e. Marriott, Parish House, Convention and Visitors Bureau - CVB, City Hall). Tony will look at local funding for map printing, contacting the Ypsilanti CVB and Downtown Development Authority (DDA).
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Final bids for the Riverside Park to Grove Road segment construction are due by April 17th.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – A meeting will be held on the Plan at B-24's Café on April 8th, 2:30pm with Tony Bedogne and Bob Krzewinski attending.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources – The issue of additional pedestrian safety signage is still awaiting action by the City and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Sidewalk additions for Candy Cane and Edith Hefley Parks are included in the City Capitol Improvement Plan with the next step being budgeted by City Council.
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Pete Murdock gave an update on bike lanes for Forest, West Cross and Miles Street. Pete and Bob Krzewinski will meet in the near future with Stan Kirton of City Public Services on a work plan for 2015.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Bob Krzewinski will place an order for BFB window stickers for participating businesses in the next week. Once received businesses will be personally contacted to sign up. Bob will make initial visits to “test” the process and then ask Committee members to help with the business visits. Bob will also attend DDA and Downtown Association of Ypsilanti meetings to sign up businesses attending those functions.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – Bob Krzewinski will set up a Committee information display at the Bike Ypsi Spring Ride, Sunday, May 3. Other potential outreach venues for the Committee include Farmers Markets, Heritage Festival and Parkridge Summerfest. This item will be talked about more at the May meeting.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – Bob Krzewinski attended, and spoke in favor of, a City speed bump policy at the March 17th City Council meeting where a vote by Council was deferred to add more traffic-calming options to a City policy document. Pete Murdock gave a more in-depth overview of possible speed control options. The matter is now expected to go before Council again at it's 4/21 meeting.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – No announcement has been received yet on the Walk Friendly application with news expected in April or early May. The next meeting on the Bike Friendly reapplication will be May 5th, 2pm at the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Center. Bob Krzewinski will also send a request Committee members to help with deficiency areas in the BFC application.

- Wayfinding signage – Bob Krzewinski discussed the low cost wayfinding signs available at <https://walkyourcity.org> and had a sample. Kevin Hill and Bob will do a walk-through of signs on proposed pedestrian routes between EMU, the EMU School of Business and Depot Town on Monday, April 13, 6pm meeting at the west side of the EMU College of Business.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – MDOT will be holding a public hearing on the I-94/Huron bridge non-motorized improvements and the Huron/Hamilton road diet with a tentative date of May 12.
- c. Ypsilanti AAATA Transit Center non-motorized improvements – No new updates on a letter sent by the Committee to the AAATA on suggested improvements.
- d. May 10-16 Bike-Bus-Walk Week (including Ghost Bikes, Bike To Work Day) – Bob Krzewinski gave an update on activities planned with a schedule going out to Committee members when all activities are complete and confirmed. Diana Gonzalez will be working on an expanded Ghost Bike display with a Girl Scout troop with Bob Krzewinski assisting.
- e. Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets – Bob Krzewinski indicated that the Mayor is willing to sign on to the Challenge but the matter still needs to be reviewed for sign up requirements.
- f. Ypsilanti Bike Share Program – Bob Krzewinski has been in contact with the EMU Government and Community Relations office on the status of the potential project.
- g. Other – Suggestions for outreach by email and social media were discussed.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update –Bob Krzewinski met with City Planner Bonnie Wessler prior to the Committee meeting with information received contained in the meeting minutes.
- b. Runner-Friendly Community – Bob Krzewinski talked with Ypsilanti Running Company owner Mike Nix about his store becoming involved in submitting a Runner Friendly Community application to which Mike was very supportive. Mike was also invited to future Committee meetings.
- c. Other – Kevin Hill reported the Ypsilanti DDA was working on a joint Ypsilanti/Saline bicycle activity.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None

- 7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Sara Walsh, seconded by Kevin Hill, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2015.