

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 4th, 2013

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:07pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members present were Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski, Laura Shiltz and Cheryl Weber. Also present was City Council member Pete Murdock and other guests.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – None at beginning of meeting.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shiltz to accept the April agenda, with no objections.
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes - – A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shiltz to accept the March minutes, with no objections.
 - c. Other – The City Non-Motorized web page has been updated and can be seen at <http://cityofypsilanti.com/Government/BoardsCommissions/DirectoryofBoardsCommissions/ctl/StaffDetails/mid/1812/staffid/52#board>. Also posted on the Non-Motorized webpage were the updated Committee By-Laws, approved by the Planning Commission in early 2013.
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update (includes Huron/Hamilton road diets) – Further work on Ypsilanti “road diets” (reducing the number of traffic lanes, adding bike lanes, etc.), designed to slow motor traffic speeds and make streets more pedestrian/cyclist-friendly, will resume once the updated City Master Plan is completed as input from Master Plan public sessions could be used in the road diet plans.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Work slowly proceeding on a dedicated Ypsilanti biking and walking map (post meeting email update by Committee member Adam Gainsley on this issue).
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Bob Krzewinski and Kevin Hill jointly working on a letter to the Downtown Development Association for additional bike parking racks. Also discussed were placing bike parking racks at the redeveloped West Cross area (i.e. Subway, Sweetwaters, etc.) just east of the Water Tower.
 - d. Border To Border Trail Ypsilanti completion – Design work is proceeding forward on the Trail bridge over the Huron River from Riverside Park to Water Street with construction anticipated for 2013. The State also recently released funding from the Land Trust Fund to complete the Water Street Border To Border Trail segment from Michigan Avenue southeast to Grove Road. A suggestion was also made at the meeting to have an educational sign along the Water Street Trail indicating Native American burial grounds in that area with Bob Krzewinski following up on this suggestion.
 - e. Bike Friendly Community application – Work is around half-way done on the application (post meeting email update by Committee member Adam Gainsley on this issue).

- f. Hamilton/Michigan pedestrian crossing – Bob Krzewinski is in communication with Stan Kirton, City of Ypsilanti Public Services Director, on additional signage at this intersection to protect pedestrians.
- g. May Bike-Bus-Walk Week – Bob Krzewinski went through the list of events for this mid-May week which is meant to encourage people to start walking, riding a bicycle or using public transit in the City.
- h. Other – Kevin Hill and Bob Krzewinski will work together on creating a local “bike friendly business” program.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – The City Planning Department staff are encouraging pedestrians and bicyclist to take part, and offer input, during the public input sessions for the updated City Master Plan. Also, the issue of Forest Avenue (between Prospect and River Street) bike lanes will be more active in 2013.
- b. 2013 Committee priorities – Priorities have been narrowed down to Border To Border Trail completion in Ypsilanti, sidewalk completion/improvements, Bike-Bus-Walk Week and library programs in addition to Committee projects currently being worked on (bike maps, Bike-Friendly Community application, etc.). Related to projects, two area residents offered to work together on completing a City sidewalk deficiency audit.
- c. Non-Motorized information rack – Bob Krzewinski will work with Ypsilanti Cycle on Michigan Avenue in downtown Ypsilanti to keep stocked their information stand which contains information about bicycling and walking.
- d. National Trails Day Ypsilanti event (Saturday, June 1st) – Bob Krzewinski will be working to have a Trails Day event on the Water Street temporary trail.
- e. Other – Parking by motor vehicles on City bike lanes continue to be a problem. Police will issue tickets for such parking on West Cross Street. Bob Krzewinski will also send a letter to St. Johns Catholic Church asking them to encourage people not to park on the bike lanes during Sunday services.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Kevin Hill, seconded by Laura Shiltz, to adjourn the meeting, with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 7pm at the downtown Ypsilanti District Library.