

April 2012 Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, April 19, 2012 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members included Adam Gainsley, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – Guests at the meeting gave brief comments to the Committee.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – Motion made by Weber, seconded by Krzewinski, to accept the agenda. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes - Motion made by Weber, seconded by Krzewinski, to accept the minutes. Approved unanimously.
 - c. Committee communications received – None.
 - d. July meeting (meeting date would be July 5) – Short discussion on possibly not holding the July meeting due to the July 4th holiday with issue to be decided at May or June meeting.
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update - “Bicycle” symbol signs should be added to all the new “Share The Road” signs by the end of summer.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Adam Gainsley continuing to work on project. Volunteers with map-making skills needed.
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations. Six additional City bike rack locations identified (Beezys, Haabs, Sidetrack, Tap Room, Congdons Hardware, Senior Center) plus four additional racks needed at the AATA transit center. Bob Krzewinski will write up a proposal for downtown/Depot Town rack purchases to be presented to the Downtown Development Association by Kevin Hill. Cheryl Weber will contact the AATA about funding for racks at the transit center. A suggestion was also made to seek donations for bike racks at the Senior Center.
 - d. City Non-Motorized web page – Data is still being moved from the old City website to the new site. Non-Motorized Committee information is still on the “old” site. In the meantime, Committee meeting agendas and minutes are on the “unofficial” Bike-Bus-Walk Ypsi website at www.bbwypsi.org.
 - e. 2012 Non-Motorized Committee Priorities – Adam Gainsley gave an update on the Ypsilanti Bike Friendly Community application. Bob Krzewinski placed 2012 priority projects where volunteers are needed on the Bike-Bus-Walk Ypsi website at www.bbwypsi.org. Bob will also have a City Non-Motorized Committee table at the Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (May 6 – Recreation Park) to gather public input on non-motorized improvements to the City.
 - f. Police enforcement of darkened drivers windows – A statement from the Committee to the Police Chief requesting increased enforcement of illegal darkened front vehicles will be done by Bob Krzewinski. Such windows prevent eye contact between motorized and non-motorized users with the non-motorized users not sure if the person in a motorized vehicle can see them.
 - g. Bike-Bus-Walk Week (Bike To Work Week) – May 13-19 – A was made of events centered around this week attempting to have more people in Ypsi walk, bicycle or take the bus.
 - h. Mix Market involvement – Bob Krzewinski will contact Mix management for having a mini-information table with non-motorized related handouts.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Bob Krzewinski talked with Teresa Gillotti of the City Planning Department earlier in the week and gave an update to the Committee, including news on the possibility of putting sections of Hamilton and Huron Streets on a road diet (three lanes down to two and adding bike lanes).
 - b. WBWC Project Priorities – Larry Deck of the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (www.wbwc.org) discussed that groups project priorities, including those for Ypsilanti (i.e. I-94 non-motorized crossings, Border To Border Trail completion).
6. Major project working groups
 - a. Complete Streets subcommittee – No new updates
 - b. Sidewalks subcommittee – A discussion was held on possible field trips on the main areas where sidewalks are not presently installed but very much needed (Huron Street – Forest To LeForge, northside of Washtenaw, west of Oakwood and Huron/Hamilton – Harriet Street south to I-94).
 - c. Non-motorized projects list subcommittee
 - Border To Border Trail completion – Work is continuing by the City on planning for the non-motorized Trail crossing of Michigan Avenue. Bob Krzewinski and Adam Gainsley will also plan to meet with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission staff in May to discuss Trail issues.
 - I-94 non-motorized crossings (Grove Road, Huron Street) – No new updates.
7. Other items – None.
8. Adjournment – The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 3, 2012, 7pm, Ypsilanti District Library. A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Krzewinski, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

