

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2014

Ypsilanti District Library, Meeting Room #1 (main floor), 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, December 4, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members in attendance were Tony Bedogne, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski, Laura Shlitz 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 Tony Bedogne, seconded by Cheryl Weber, to accept the meeting agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of November meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shlitz, to accept the November minutes with no objections.
 - c. Other – The traditional meeting time (1st Thursday) in January 2015 would be January 1. It was agreed to have a meeting date in January 2015 only of the 2nd Thursday (January 8).
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications – Walk Friendly application was submitted and confirmed received well prior to the deadline, with results made know in the late winter/early spring. A discussion was held on the “Honorable Mention” Bike Friendly award with a meeting to be held on 12/22 between John Waterman (Program To Educate All Cyclists), Bonnie Wessler (City Planner) and NMAC members to start work on resubmitting a Bike Friendly application in 2015.
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Map workings session to be held at the downtown Library, 12/8, 7pm, with NMAC members and Washtenaw Area Transportation Study staff attending.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Segment from Riverside Park (with new bridge) across Michigan Avenue and then to Grove Road had construction bids submitted that were too high for the budget. The design has been slightly modified and a new bidding process will start. Construction is still expected in 2015.
 - Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street – No updates.
 - Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets – Bob Krzewinski will start working with the City Planning Department on protocols for establishing bike lanes with a goal of May 2015 for a small number of new bike lanes.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Kevin Hill reported that funding is almost complete for an Ypsilanti Bike Friendly Business window sticker. Once funding is obtained, NMAC members will start the application process (business visits).
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – No updates.
 - Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl – City Planning Department suggested a letter to the City Managers office (copies to City Council and the City Traffic Review Committee) with specific requests and asking Council to budget funds.
 - b. I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – Michigan Department of Transportation indicated that their staff has rejected a center-of-the-road preferred plan (Alternative 4) and now is endorsing non-motorized routing on the west side of the I-94/Huron bridge. The local area working group on this project (which includes the City/NMAC) will meet at the downtown SPARK East office on 12/18 at 2pm. There will also be a City Council public hearing on the final routing in early January 2015.
 - c. 2015 Committee Priorities – See minutes addendum for 2015 priorities finalized by the Committee.
 - d. 2015 Committee Members – Terms end 12/31/14 Cheryl Weber, Bob Krzewinski, Richard Murphy – Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber are willing to serve another term. Sarah Walsh is also willing to serve. Bob Krzewinski will check with other potential members and submit names to the Planning Commission for confirmation at their December 17th meeting.
 - e. Other – In early January City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed road diets (reducing three lanes down to two with parking/bike lanes/improved pedestrian crossings).
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Contained in agenda items.
 - b. Other – AAATA will start working on improvements of the Ypsilanti downtown transit center in 2015 with the NMAC needing to provide input for non-motorized improvements. Bob Krzewinski will start working on a 2014 NMAC annual report to be sent to the Planning Commission and City Council.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Laura Shlitz, seconded by Kevin Hill. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8th, 2015 at the downtown Library.