

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – December 2012

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7pm, Thursday, December 6, 2012, at the downtown Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present included Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – A short portion of the meeting was held on public input.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski and passed without objection.
 - b. Approval of November meeting minutes - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski and passed without objection.
 - c. Committee communications received – None.
 - d. Committee appointments – All Committee member's terms currently expire in January 2013. Those agreeing to be reappointed include Adam Gainsley, Kevin Hill (DDA representative with an alternate DDA member being Tim Colbeck), Rod Johnson, Bob Krzewinski, Richard Murphy, and Cheryl Weber. In addition, Laura Shiltz has agreed to serve on the Committee. Names will be forwarded by Bob Krzewinski to Planning Commission Chair Rod Johnson after tonight's meeting. Terms will also be staggered (either one year or two) so that all Committee members terms do not end in the future on one date.
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update - A discussion was held on Complete Streets, the City's Complete Streets ordinance and Complete Streets work done on the recently completed West Cross Street construction as well as the upcoming 2013 Grove Road construction. Also discussed was the problem with cars parking on the West Cross Street bike lanes with Bob Krzewinski volunteering to work with Ward 2 Councilmembers to have the Police Department to issue warnings to those parked illegally.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – No new updates.
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Kevin Hill will make sure the Committee recommendations given for additional hoop locations is brought up at the December Downtown Development Association (DDA) meeting. Cheryl Weber will also check on possible hoop funding from the AATA.
 - d. City Non-Motorized web page - Two new pages sent in for posting, "Ypsilanti Bicycling and Walking Information" and "Benefits On Non-Motorized Improvements".
 - e. 2012 Non-Motorized Committee Priorities
 - Library bicycling/walking section additions – Bob Krzewinski is compiling a recommended list of books to be on the shelves at the downtown library. The thought would be individuals could purchase new books from the list and donate them to the library.
 - Library bicycling/walking programs – A safe winter bicycling class was recently held at the library and additional programs are being planned for May's Bike-Bus-Walk Week in Ypsilanti.
 - Bike Friendly Community application – No new updates. Bob Krzewinski will start coordinating a local "Bike Friendly Business" program for Ypsilanti.
 - f. Border To Border Trail Completion (Michigan Avenue crossing, Water Street segment) – On December 5th, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources formally approved a Water Street B to B Trail Trust Fund Grant, but a push is needed to also complete the B To B Trail from where the "Grant" Trail will end on Grove Road to the where the existing B to B stops on Grove Road just north of I-94. Bob Krzewinski is working to set up a field trip with the City Planning staff and Washtenaw County Parks staff to visit the North Grove gap for completion ideas. Also discussed was bicycle parking and kiosks where the B to B Trail will cross Michigan Avenue just east of the Huron River (Kevin Hill will discuss this at the next DDA meeting).
 - g. Huron/Hamilton road diets – The City Planning Department staff is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to put these segments on "road diets", which could include features (i.e. reducing the number of lanes, adding bike lanes and vehicle parking) to slow traffic speeds.
 - h. Cross Street construction completion event - It became too cold out by the time the project was completed, so none was held (other than announcements for cyclists to try out the new section).
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Update from the Department was given in the meeting agenda items listed.
 - b. Hamilton/Michigan pedestrian crossing - Motor vehicles are stopping beyond the stop line on southbound Hamilton at Michigan, blocking the crosswalk. Another problem is people making right turns on red from southbound Hamilton to westbound Michigan. The Committee will draft a letter to the Planning Commission, for forwarding on to the Michigan Department Of Transportation (who controls the intersection) urging "Stop Here On Red" signs (with arrows) and a sign next to the traffic signal on southbound Hamilton at Michigan stating "No Turn On Red".
 - c. NMAC annual report – Bob Krzewinski will start work on a Committee annual report for 2012 actions.
 - d. Other – At the January 2013 meeting, possible projects for the Committee in 2013 will be discussed.
6. Other Items – Announcements – The League of American Bicyclists "2-Mile Challenge" was discussed, urging individuals to try bicycling for local trips of 2 miles or less.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Kevin Hill, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to adjourn, with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.