

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2015

- Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Feb. 5, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Pete Murdock, Laura Shlitz and Sarah Walsh. Audience Larry Deck-Washtenaw Walking Collation.
- Introductions
 - Audience participation/public input – None
- General business
 - Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Sarah Walsh, to approve the agenda with no objections.
 - Approval of January meeting minutes –A motion was made by Sarah Walsh, seconded by Tony Bedogne.
 - Other – Tony Bedogne will be in touch with Bonnie to align our priorities with the CIP to try and push them through. Wanted to cross –check CIP with our committee priorities. Pete Murdock adds that it goes to council – He mention street Miles saying a group from EMU is looking to rezoning Miles and traffic calming with bike lanes. Larry questions the on it how it works.
- Old business
 - 2015 Committee priorities
 - **Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map** – Tony Bedogne gave an update on the new bicycle map process taking place in the County. Explaining what the map will look like a small window for Ypsilanti. Said last meeting was more about layout, design approval and will update next month on possible printing costs. May published date is being tossed around and maybe \$2 per map cost. No final word though.
 - **Border To Border Trail completion progress** – Called Bonnie but couldn't touch base. Pete agrees, thinks Bids went out February for construction on Riverside Park to Grove Road segment.
 - **Update the City Non-Motorized Plan** –No updates. Suggested Committee members can also look over the present Non-Motorized Plan and email Bob. Tony, Bonnie, Greg Intern is meeting on Feb 16, to discuss changes. Tony suggested session outside to meet and to keep committee informed of them.
 - **Sidewalk improvements and funding sources** — Committee members should have received copies of letters sent to the City Manager/Council asking for sidewalks at Edith Hefley/Candy Cane Parks to be added to the City's Capital Improvement Plan and for budgeting for construction. Also the **attached** updated list of pedestrian sign/pavement marking improvements that will be sent to the City should be discussed for revisions/deletions/additions. Recommending inclusion in the City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for construction. – Everyone Agree with it.
 - **Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources** – Committee members should have received copies of letters to the City Manager/Council asking that Forest/Cross/Miles bike lanes be added to the City's Capital Improvement Plan and for budgeting for construction. Tony Bedogne was going to check CIP about Miles. Will update us with what he finds.
 - **Bike Friendly Business program** – Waiting for full funding approval for BFB window stickers. One on one “interviews” with area businesses can start after that to become a BFB with a formal rollout

of the program during May's Bike-Bus-Walk Week in May (with associated publicity).

- **Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking** – No Updates
- **Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods** – Bonnie said that a new draft City-wide traffic calming policy is being worked on for approval by City Council and Bonnie will keep the Committee apprised of this process for Committee comments. Pete said still working on it and it was table. Suggestions of speed bumps and policy that needs to be revised.
- **Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications** – Detailed report from the League of American Bicyclists on why we received an Honorable Mention award and not Bronze due by the end of January/early February. As soon as it is out Committee members will get a copy. A Bike Friendly application (round 2) meeting is set up between Bonnie, myself and John Waterman (PEAC) at City Hall, 2pm, February 25th for anyone who wants to attend. News on the Walk Friendly application should be out by March if not earlier.
- **Wayfinding signage** – Tony Bedogne working on connecting the gentlemen regarding the Wayfinding signage. Kevin Hill may have more on this. I would also like to suggest that the Committee urge the DDA to create EMU to downtown/Depot Town designated walking routes (involving maps, signs, pavement stencils) with the suggested routes being Cross Street east to Depot Town with a spur route from Cross to Michigan Avenue along Hamilton. I can have more on this for the March meeting but comments encouraged.
- I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – Tap Grant not on agenda per Pete. Approved supporting MDOT on the Tap Grant. Pushing for 2016.
- Other –None
- New Business
 - Planning Department update – None
 - Other - Bob informed us he sat in on a meeting 1/24 at the Corner Brewery with people, mainly Bike Ypsi, wanting to keep a bike shop going in Ypsilanti keeping in mind the probable closing of Ypsi Cycle. I will keep people updated of when their next meeting will be. One thought is to create a bike repair “co-op”.
- Other Items - Announcements

Adjournment -A motion was made by Tony Bedogne to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Walsh with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2015