

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 8, 2014

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 2:05pm, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Bob Krzewinski, Laura Shiltz and Cheryl Weber. Also attending 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 Laura Shiltz, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to accept the meeting agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of January meeting minutes - A motion was made by Laura Shiltz, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to accept the January meeting minutes with no objections.
 - c. Committee 2014 Vice-Chair, Secretary – Laura Shiltz volunteered to be Committee Vice-Chair. Secretary position is still open.
 - d. Other – On the subject of what projects each Committee member was interested in working on, Laura Shiltz mentioned bike maps, and the I-94/Huron Street non-motorized crossing. Cheryl Weber mentioned sidewalks and special events.
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Tony Bedogne supplied samples of “mark –up” maps where streets could be color coded for good or bad for cycling. Tony will make up additional map copies with the intent being at the March meeting to start color-coding streets for their bike-friendliness. Cheryl Weber will contact Adam Gainsley to check on what work he had done on the bicycle map project.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Bob Krzewinski will contact Washtenaw Country Parks & Recreation Commission staff about filling in the Trail gap along the west side of Grove Road from the I-94 bridge north for ½ mile (to hook up with the Water Street Trail segment). Bob will also discuss with staff a potential Trail routing from Forest Avenue to Leforge Road alongside Huron Street.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan (current plan is dated to the end of 2014) – No new news.
 - Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street – Bob Krzewinski met with City Planning Department staff in January with a suggestion made that once snow cover is gone, to sketch out possible sidewalk routes along Catherine Street as a first step in filling in this gap. For Washtenaw Avenue, Planning staff will look into filling in sidewalk gaps as a part of the Re-Imagine Washtenaw project. On North Huron sidewalks, this will be discussed with Washtenaw Country Parks & Recreation Commission staff as a possible Border To Border Trail segment.
 - Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets – City Planning Department staff checking into possible actions.
 - Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications – The 2013 deadline for the Walk Friendly Community application was missed and will have to be submitted by December 15, 2014. It was suggested that a Committee member help assist the application and that a copy of the application be obtained. The deadline for the Bike Friendly application is February 19, 2014 and Cheryl Weber will check with Adam Gainsley about the Ypsilanti application status.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – No new updates.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – A discussion was held on snow removal and educating the public about sidewalk snow removal ordinances.
 - Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl – Being reviewed by City Planning Department staff.
 - b. Committee project “helpers” – Bob Krzewinski has started an email list of potential Committee “helpers” with one goal of lining up volunteers to attend City Council meetings where non-motorized issues will be discussed.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update –No new updates.
 - b. Prospect Avenue rebuild non-motorized aspects – A discussion was held on Committee input to the City on this project. Bob Krzewinski will draft a letter to the Planning Commission/City Council with Committee input points.
 - c. Depot Town non-motorized use safety improvements – Pete Murdock gave an overview on non-motorized safety concerns on Cross Street, especially Depot Town. . Bob Krzewinski will draft a letter to the Planning Commission/City Council with Committee concerns about Cross Street pedestrian safety problems.
 - d. West Michigan Avenue “road diet” reconsideration – City Council may be reviewing the road diet of West Michigan Avenue in March with a possibility that the road will be returned to four-lanes. Bob Krzewinski will draft a letter to the Planning Commission/City Council urging that the road diet be continued for safety reasons.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, Seconded by Cheryl Weber, to adjourn the meeting with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm. The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 7pm at the downtown Ypsilanti District Library.