

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 2, 2014, 7pm

Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti
Meeting Room #2 (basement meeting room)

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes
 - c. Committee members – new members & reappointments
 - d. Committee 2014 Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - e. Draft 2013 Committee Annual Report
 - f. February meeting location and date
 - g. Other
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan (current plan is dated to the end of 2014)
 - Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street
 - Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets
 - Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications
 - Bike Friendly Business program
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking
 - Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl
 - b. Committee project “helpers”
 - c. Other
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update
 - b. Other
6. Other Items - Announcements
7. Adjournment

City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee
2014 Priorities

1. Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map (In progress with Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – WATS, and the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission – expected completion late summer 2014)
2. Border To Border Trail completion progress
 - Formulate a conceptual plan for the Frog Island Part to Eastern Michigan University segment
 - Work to complete a gap in the Trail from Grove Street to I-94 connecting with a completed segment in Ypsilanti Township
 - Work to have Trail rebuilt in Riverside & Frog Island Parks
3. Update the City Non-Motorized Plan (current plan is dated to the end of 2014)
4. Sidewalk improvements (additional list below) and funding sources.
 - Washtenaw Avenue – North side of road from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt – Complete sidewalk gaps, perhaps in conjunction with the Re Imagine Washtenaw project
 - North Huron Street – Jarvis north/northwest to LeForge – Could become a part of the Border To Border Trail
 - Catherine Street – Huron Street east to Spring Street – Would help Chidister Place housing complex residents access downtown Ypsilanti
5. Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources
 - Forest Avenue – Prospect west to River - Bike lanes presently exist both west and east of this segment
 - Cross Street – Wallace west to City limit – Would involve road diet, changing four lanes to two with center turn lane and bike lanes – Could alleviate speeding problems in school zones – Potential to extend project further west to Hewitt Road working with Ypsilanti Township
 - Huron & Hamilton Streets – Would involve road diet, deleting on traffic lane which in turn would be used for bike lane and periodic on-street parking – Narrower road width may also alleviate speeding
6. Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications completed and submitted
7. Bike Friendly Business program – establish program to persuade businesses to attract cyclists (i.e. but also encourage businesses to have employees bicycle to work)
8. Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking (at Fall/Spring Bike Ypsi rides, Eastern Michigan University student events, downtown Library programs/displays and snow removal education).
9. Increased pedestrian/bicycling safety signage/pavement marking improvements
 - North Huron Street left turn to Cross Street – “Caution – Pedestrian Crossings” sign, flashing lights, rumble strips (problem – high speed traffic with lane changes in a senior housing area)
 - South Hamilton Street at Michigan Avenue – “Stop Here On Red” sign, improved “No Turn On Red” signage (problem – traffic regularly stops on crosswalk markings, makes right turns on red)
 - Cross Street and Washtenaw Avenue intersection (problem – pedestrians crossing road at numerous points)
 - South Hamilton Street mid block crossing (problem – no pedestrian crossing from Michigan Avenue south to Harriet Street)
 - Huron Street – Improved signage, enhanced markings, mid-block crossing at Riverside Art Center (problem – high speed traffic southbound)