

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, January 2, 2014

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:07pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Diana Gonzalez and Bob Krzewinski.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to accept the meeting agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes – Noting a few corrections, a motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to accept the December 2013 meeting minutes with no objections.
 - c. Committee members – new members & reappointments - Tony Bedogne (also a member of the City Planning Commission) reported the Planning Commission, at their December 18, 2013 meeting, approved the appointment to the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee of Tony Bedogne, Diana Gonzalez, Kevin Hill (reappointment) and Laura Shiltz (reappointment), each serving a two-year term effective January 1, 2014.
 - d. Committee 2014 Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary – Bob Krzewinski continues a second year in 2014 of a two-year term of office as Committee Chair. It was deferred until the February Committee meeting to choose a Committee Vice-Chair and Secretary.
 - e. Draft 2013 Committee Annual Report – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to approve the 2013 Non-Motorized Advisory Committee annual report, which in turn will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council through the Planning Department.
 - f. February meeting location and date – On a one-time basis, it was decided to move the February meeting to a Saturday time, namely Saturday, February 8, 2pm at the downtown Library (meeting room has been confirmed with the Library).
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – The next meeting concerning a new bicycle map will be on Thursday, January 16, 8:30am at the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Greenways Advisory Committee meeting, 2230 Platt Road.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – No new updates.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan (current plan is dated to the end of 2015) – A suggestion was made to focus one Committee meeting on the Non-Motorized Master Plan.
 - Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street – Discussion was held on what might be the easiest and most needed project with a consensus reached to fill sidewalk gaps along Catherine Street so as to more readily connect the Chidister Place housing complex with downtown. Bob Krzewinski will set up a meeting with the Planning Department to discuss this further.
 - Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets – A consensus was reached on setting a priority on Forest Avenue bike lanes between Prospect and River Streets. Also discussed was setting up a protocol for all new bike lanes in the City (i.e. distributing information flyers to residents, public meetings, etc.). Bob Krzewinski will set up a meeting with the Planning Department to discuss this further.
 - Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications – No new updates.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – A sample application form was passed around for comment.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – A discussion was held on public education (i.e. press releases) about the recent change to the City sidewalk snow removal ordinance requiring sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. Bob Krzewinski will check with City Hall on whether the City will be doing any media work on this and if not, send out press releases through the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee.
 - Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl - Bob Krzewinski will set up a meeting with the Planning Department to discuss this further.
 - b. Committee project “helpers” – A list of potential jobs/projects was discussed for volunteers to assist the Committee with, such as attending City Council meetings to support non-motorized issues and staffing information tables.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – No new update.
 - b. Other – Committee members were asked areas that they would like to become involved with Diana Gonzalez interested in Safe Routes To School and Ghost Bikes (white bikes placed at locations where cyclists were hit with a sign urging everyone to share the road). Tony Bedogne was interested in the new Ypsilanti bicycle map, bike lanes and the Bike Friendly business program. Bob Krzewinski will also look into grants for “Drive Like Your Kids Live Here” signs - http://drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com/our_store.
6. Other Items – Announcements – WEMU aired a segment on New Years Day morning news about the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee’s 2014 priorities.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, Seconded by Diana Gonzalez, to adjourn the meeting with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.