

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5th, 2012

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – No additions to the agenda were made.
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes – December meeting minutes were accepted.
 - c. Committee communications received – None.
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update (sharrows, mid-block pedestrian crossings, share-the-road sign locations, bus stops) – It was discussed adding a bicycle symbol sign above the recently installed “share the road signs in the City. Bob Krzewinski will start looking into pricing and funding. Also discussed was adding more prominent “bike lane” signs on the northwest corner of Huron Street and Cross Street to discourage motor vehicles from using the bike lane as a motor vehicle lane.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Bob Krzewinski will set up a meeting with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission staff to revise the current Ypsilanti Border To Border Trail map to make it more of a City bicycling route map (i.e. color-coded streets – green for a good cycling route, red for poor cycling).
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Additional funding sources for parking hoops are being researched through the City and other avenues.
 - d. Additional Committee members – Communications were sent to the City Planning Commission to take Thomas Kula off the Committee (he has moved out of the area) and install Adam Gainsley of Bike Ypsi to complete Thomas’s term of office (ending December 31, 2012).
 - e. Winter bicycling talks – Bob Krzewinski gave talks at Ypsilanti Cycle in November and December and will give another talk 1pm, January 14th, at the Corner Brewery.
 - f. Non-Motorized year end task report – Bob Krzewinski met with City Planning Department staff on the report and will revise the report with input given. A new report will be emailed to the Non-Motorized Committee and eventually passed on to the Planning Commission and City Council.
 - g. City Non-Motorized web page – The new City webpage should be up and running in its preliminary design by the end of January. Once the webpage is up, enhancements and additions to the Non-Motorized Committee section will be done.
5. New Business
 - a. 2012 Committee goal setting – A period of time was spent reviewing possible 2012 projects for the Committee which included the following...
 - Border To Border Trail completion.
 - Non-Motorized information on the new City website
 - Enclosing non-motorized information in a City property tax mailing envelope.
 - Library – Holding bicycling/walking programs there, having informational displays and also increasing the number of bicycling/walking books “based” at the downtown location.
 - Bus stop improvements (concrete pads to stand on, maps, bike parking hoops).
 - EMU fall bicycling information tables and events.
 - Bike To Work Week (May) events.
 - New driver education concerning bicycling and sharing the road at Ypsilanti High School.
 - Submitting a League of American Bicyclists “Bike Friendly Community” application for Ypsilanti.
 - Installing additional bike parking hoops.
 - Restarting an Adopt A Street program (working with the City Parks & Recreation Commission).
 - Improving I-94 non-motorized crossings at Grove Road and Huron Street.
 - Holding both Fall and Spring Non-Motorized Advisory Committee public input sessions.
 - Revise the current eastern Border To Border Trail map to make it more bike-friendly in regards to good (and bad) streets to bike on.

Further action will be taken on 2012 goal setting at the February Non-Motorized meeting with Committee members working on selected projects in the time until the meeting.

- b. Other – A short conversation was held on the recent public hearing on rebuilding West Cross Street where a consensus was reached to have bike lanes on both sides of the road.
- 6. Major project working groups
 - a. Complete Streets subcommittee - Richard Murphy talked about other possible street projects in the City could be taking place and will forward a list to Committee members.
 - b. Sidewalks subcommittee – Bonnie Wessler in the City Planning Department has forwarded a report to the Committee showing where sidewalk sections in the City are missing or needed.
 - c. Non-motorized projects list subcommittee
 - Border To Border Trail completion – Another meeting is planned between the City Planning Department and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission staff
 - I-94 non-motorized crossings (Grove Road, Huron Street)
- 7. Other items – Sean Dalton from the Ypsilanti Courier was present at the meeting and Bob Krzewinski will forward him press releases about Complete Streets improvements and also the Committee's 2011 year-end report. Bob Krzewinski will be on vacation in early February with Adam Gainsley volunteering to run the meeting.
- 8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm with the next meeting being Thursday, February 2, 2012, Ypsilanti District Library