

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:07pm, January 8, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski, Laura Schlitz and Sarah Walsh.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Sarah Walsh, to approve the agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes – With a correction that Sarah Walsh had not been listed in the minutes, a motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Sarah Walsh, to accept the revised December minutes with no objections.
 - c. Committee Chair – 2015 – With no other volunteers for the position, Bob Krzewinski will be recommended to the Planning Commission for reappointment as Committee Chair. Laura Schlitz agreed to continue as Vice-Chair. Secretary position not filled.
 - d. Other – Bob Krzewinski is working on the Committee's annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council.
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Tony Bedogne gave an update on the new bicycle map process taking place in the County, with the next map team meeting taking place later in January. It was also noted that a dedicated eastern Washtenaw County map will be produced with Tony investigating printing costs and possible donors.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – A revised bid for the Ypsilanti Trail segments (Riverside Park south to Grove Road) will be sent out by late January with construction still expected to be completed in 2015. Bob Krzewinski will also bring up the Trail gap from Frog Island to Eastern Michigan University at the next Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission Greenways meeting on January 22nd.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – The City Planning Department is expected to have a volunteer intern on this project in the near future with staff from the Planning Department attending a Committee meeting in the future. At the present time, Committee members should pass on any suggested changes to the present plan to Bob Krzewinski.
 - Sidewalk improvements and funding sources – For pedestrian safety signage additions, Bob Krzewinski will assemble a list of recommended locations, with Committee member input, and forward it to the City Manager with copies to City Council and the City Traffic Review Committee. On sidewalk gaps adjacent to Edith Heffley and Candy Cane Parks, a letter from the Committee will be sent to the City Manager (with copies to the Planning Commission & City Council) recommending inclusion in the City Capitol Improvement Plan (CIP) for construction.
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Bob Krzewinski is still working on obtaining City staff and City Council input on a master Bike Lane Installation Protocol procedure. For 2015, however, the Committee reaffirmed that bike lane priority should be on Forest, Miles and West Cross Street, with a letter being sent to the Planning Commission (with copies to City Council and City Manager) asking that these bike lanes be included in the CIP as well as City budget discussions. Correspondence will include reasons for the bike lane projects being chosen.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Bob Krzewinski passed around amended program material and will discuss Depot Town Association contributions for program window stickers with the Association Chair Mark Teachout.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – On Bike To Work Day (May 15) the thought was on having a bike-bus-walk to work station in Ypsilanti from 7am to 10am with refreshments, information and a possible raffle with items donated from City merchants, with Bob Krzewinski coordinating.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – The City Planning Department is working on a revised City Traffic-Calming Policy and the Department will keep the Committee apprised of new developments on this subject.

- Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – Walk Friendly application results should be known by mid-February to mid-March. The next meeting on the Bike Friendly Community application will take place on February 25th at 2pm at the City Planning Department.
 - Wayfinding signage – Tony Bedogne will contact the Convention & Visitors Bureau to urge that wayfinding signage being considered incorporates features for pedestrians and cyclists. This could include signage along the Border To Border Trail, suggested routes from EMU to Depot Town/downtown and routes from the AAATA transit center. Also suggested was possible walking tour routes.
- b. I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – The City Council is expected to have both the I-94 non-motorized project and Huron/Hamilton road diets on their January 20th meeting agenda.
 - c. Other – As discussed at the December Committee meeting, a letter, after review from Committee members, will go to the AAATA with recommendations on improvements to the Ypsilanti Transit Center, including additional bike racks, wayfinding kiosks, revising landscaping, bicycle lockers and AAATA staffing for the Center.
5. New Business
- a. Planning Department update – Bob Krzewinski met with Bonnie Wessler on January 8th and items discussed included in above agenda items.
 - b. Michigan Promoting Active Communities program – Ypsilanti granted “Gold” status in 2011 with award good for that year only. With an emphasis on revising the City Non-Motorized Plan in 2015, further action on the PAC program will be deferred for the current year.
 - c. Other – Bike To School Day is May 6th and Bob Krzewinski will research possible school involvement.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laura Schlitz, with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2015.