

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2014

1. Call to order – The meeting, held at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, was brought to order at 7:02pm. Committee members present 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 Tony Bedogne, seconded by Cheryl Weber, to accept the agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes – A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Laura Shiltz, to accept the minutes with no objections.
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - ⌚ Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Tony Bedogne gave an update of the map revision process being conducted by the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study with a completion hoped by the end of 2014. Input on map data is being solicited at <http://www.miwats.org/county-nonmotorized-file-review/> with this link being passed on to local cyclists.
 - ⌚ Border To Border Trail completion progress – Construction is still expected to start on the Trail from Riverside Park to Grove Road by late summer.
 - ⌚ Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – No new updates.
 - ⌚ Sidewalk improvements – Washtenaw Avenue – North Huron – Catherine Street – Catherine Street is in need of improved signage and markings for a mid-block crossing.
 - ⌚ Additional bike lanes – Forest Avenue – West Cross Street – Huron & Hamilton Streets – Short discussion held on these areas.
 - ⌚ Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications – Bike Friendly application is just about completed and will be submitted one month prior to the August deadline. Bob Krzewinski will talk with Teresa Gillotti about attaching local support letters. Cheryl Weber will work with Diana Gonzalez on the Walk Friendly application which has a December deadline.
 - ⌚ Bike Friendly Business program – Bob Krzewinski will look into the possibility of also making businesses “Walk Friendly”.
 - ⌚ Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – Bob Krzewinski will look into biking and walking outreach at Eastern Michigan University fall student events. Also discussed was perhaps working with Bike Ypsi to form a long-term “Bike EMU” group.
 - ⌚ Signage/pavement marking improvements – N. Huron & Cross – Hamilton & Michigan – Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) – S. Hamilton mid-block crossing – Huron & Pearl – No new updates.
 - b. I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – An engineering firm has been selected for an updated engineering study with August public input and a November completion.
 - c. Event reports – Reports given on Bike-Bus-Walk Week, Bike Ypsi Spring Ride, Ride-Of-Silence and a Huron River walk on May 24th in Ypsilanti.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – No new updates.
 - b. August Parkridge Summer Festival (8/23) NMAC participation – Tony Bedogne will look as having the Non-Motorized Committee do public outreach at this event.
 - c. Huron River Watershed Council Trail Town meeting (6/24 – 9am) – Committee members were encouraged to attend this meeting if possible.
 - d. Proposed Amendments to allocate funds for Non-Motorized Projects and Traffic Calming – Pete Murdock reviewed his City Council proposal to allocate \$50,000 in 2015 and 2015 from the Major Street Fund to non-motorized projects.
 - e. Other – Events discussed were Committee involvement in the annual downtown Halloween event, Michigan Trails Week (9/20-27) and World Car Free Day.
6. Other Items – Announcements - None
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Laura Shiltz to adjourn the meeting, with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.