

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2013, 7pm

Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti

Meeting Room #2 (basement)

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members in attendance were Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input - Andrew Hellenga of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority gave an update on new bicycle rack purchases and also that the DDA was working with Washtenaw Community College to construct a larger temporary bicycle rack.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the June meeting agenda, passing without objection.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the May meeting minutes, passing without objection.
4. Old business
 - a. 2013 Committee priorities (in addition to past/ongoing projects)
 - Sidewalk completion/improvements – No updates.
 - Library programs/books – Books are being donated to the downtown Library bicycling and walking sections.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission is interested in revising current County biking maps by the spring of 2014 which could include a dedicated Ypsilanti map. Bob Krzewinski will monitor and report updates.
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Discussed earlier in meeting (Audience participation)/
 - d. Border To Border Trail Ypsilanti completion – Bridge from Riverside Park to Water Street is still expected in 2013 with the Water Street Trail segment for 2014. Bob Krzewinski reported on efforts to link the B to B Trail off-road between Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township along Grove Road.
 - e. Bike Friendly Community application – No update. City Planning Department is also working on a Walk Friendly Community designation.
 - f. Hamilton/Michigan pedestrian crossing – Additional signage being checked into by the City Planning Department.
 - g. May Bike-Bus-Walk Week (report) – Bob Krzewinski reported on activities.
 - h. National Trails Day (report) – Bob Krzewinski reported a low turnout on June 1st for Water Street Trail activities but there was excellent press coverage. Event is planned again for 2014.
 - i. Ypsi bike-friendly businesses – Kevin Hill and Bob Krzewinski will work more on this project which is intended to not only benefit business customers, but also be geared to encourage businesses to
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Bob Krzewinski reported on a meeting he had with Teresa Gillotti of the Planning Department.
 - b. July meeting holiday conflict – Due to the July meeting time (1st Thursday) falling on Independence Day, there will not be a July Non-Motorized Advisory Committee meeting.
 - c. Shape Ypsilanti June 11 session – Committee members were encouraged to attend one of the upcoming City Master Plan public input sessions scheduled for June.
 - d. Washtenaw/US-23 path dedication – There will be a dedication of the non-motorized improvements to the US 23 – Washtenaw Avenue intersection on June 7th. The project is a part of Re-Imagine Washtenaw, a long-term project that would also include major non-motorized improvements to that road.
 - e. EMU meeting – A meeting is being set up between Eastern Michigan University (EMU), the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the City of Ypsilanti (Planning Department and Non-Motorized Committee) to explore additional non-motorized improvements to EMU.
 - f. Other – City Council member Pete Murdock reported on initial steps to reconstruct Prospect Avenue which could include non-motorized improvements. Pete also discussed additional pedestrian safety improvements to the Depot Town area.
6. Other Items – Announcements – The next Committee meeting will be August 1, 2013.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Kevin Hill, seconded by Bob Krzewinski to adjourn the meeting, with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.