Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – June 2012 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, June 7, 2012 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue in downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members present included Adam Gainsley, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber. Also present was City Councilman Pete Murdock and other guests.
2. Introductions
    a. Audience participation – None.
3. General business
    a. Agenda approval – A motion was made to approve the agenda by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Adam Gainsley, passing without objection.
    b. Approval of May meeting minutes - A motion was made to approve the May minutes by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Adam Gainsley, passing without objection.
    c. Committee communications received – None.
    d. July meeting – With the regular meeting date for July being the day after Independence Day, it was decided that there will not be a July meeting due to many people being out of town. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, August 2nd.
    e. Other
4. Old business
    a. Complete Streets improvements update – Bicycle symbol signs added to the existing "Share The Road" signs in the City is expected over the summer.
    b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Adam Gainsley is continuing to work with Jake Albers of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Association (DDA) on a Ypsilanti specific bicycle map. Also Jake passed out maps for labeling input which should be returned to him.
    c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – Bob Krzewinski met with Teresa Gillotti of the City Planning Department recently on a walking tour of where additional bicycle parking loops could be placed and will put the results of this site visit in writing for the Committee. Also, Bob will supply a list of present bike hoop locations to the DDA that in turn is from a flyer by the Ypsilanti Health Coalition.
    d. City Non-Motorized web page – The City should have a dedicated Non-Motorized Committee page up within the next week on the "Boards and Commissions" portion of the City webpage.
    e. 2012 Non-Motorized Committee Priorities – Adam is continuing to work on a League Of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Community application.
    f. Bike-Bus-Walk Week (Bike To Work Week) – A report was given by Bob Krzewinski of the May activities with a brief discussion for events next year.
    g. Mix market involvement – No new update.
5. New Business
    a. Planning Department update – Teresa Gillotti of the City Planning Department was unable to attend the meeting but Bob Krzewinski will meet with her and report back to the Committee by email.
    b. Labor Day Ypsi "Bridge" Walk – Bob Krzewinski reported that the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports is encouraging cities in the state to have their own Labor Day "bridge" walks for people that cannot travel to the big walk across the Mackinac Bridge. Bob Krzewinski will work on trying to set up a local walk.
    c. Other – Kevin Hill reported that the Ypsilanti Crossroads Music Festival will run most Fridays in July and August with Adam Gainsley and Bob Krzewinski working on temporary bicycle racks for the events. Bob Krzewinski reported that national Walk To School Day will be October 3rd. Bob Also reported on Michigan Legislature bills that would end the Michigan Complete Streets Committee and seriously cut non-motorized project funding in the State. On the legislation, Bob will work up summaries for possible action by City Council through the Planning Commission.
6. Major project working groups
    a. Complete Streets subcommittee – No updates.
    b. Sidewalks subcommittee – The need to confirm sidewalk conditions and report back to the City Planning Department was discussed.
    c. Non-motorized projects list subcommittee
    - Border To Border Trail completion – Adam Gainsley and Teresa Gillotti recently did a walking survey of possible B to B Trail routes north out of Frog Island Park to Eastern Michigan University.
    - I-94 non-motorized crossings (Grove Road, Huron Street) – No new updates.
7. Other items – Bob Krzewinski presented a draft press release on the Adventure Cycling Association Underground Railroad bicycle tour route which passes through Ypsilanti. Bob will send out this press release through the Friends of the Border To Border Trail.
8. Adjournment – At 8:10pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Adam Gainsley, passing unanimously.