

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Sara Walsh.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah Walsh, seconded by Tony Bedogne, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of April meeting minutes – A motion was made by Tony Bedogne, seconded by Sarah Walsh, passing unanimously.
 - c. New Committee members – Martha Cleary attended the meeting and indicated a willingness to serve on the Committee and approved by acclamation of Committee members at the meeting. Bob Krzewinski will forward her request to serve on the Committee to the Planning Commission for approval at their May 20th meeting
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – A draft copy of the new map (part of a County/Ann Arbor map) was reviewed with the Committees thanks to Tony Bedogne for his work on the document. Tony will obtain a cost per map and approach the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Association (DDA) and Convention & Visitors Bureau for funding to buy a local supply of the printed maps (which should be available in mid-May).
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Bids for the Ypsilanti project (Riverside Park to Grove Road) came in over what has been budgeted for the project, with talks going on right now within the City about funding.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – There will be a meeting on updating the Plan on Tuesday, May 11th at 3pm at B-24s Café in Ypsilanti. Tony Bedogne and Bob Krzewinski will attend.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources – No update from the City on sidewalk gap funding (Hefley and Candy Cane Parks). Also no update on pedestrian safety sign improvements, although Kevin Hill stated that the DDA may be able to tie in the wayfinding sign program with the pedestrian signs (Bob Krzewinski will attend the 5/21 DDA meeting).
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Waiting on a meeting between the Committee, City Public Services and Councilman Pete Murdock.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Tony Bedogne will coordinate merchant visits to sign up for the program and Sarah Walsh will work with Tony on setting up a database.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – The Committee had a information table at the Bike Ypsi Spring Ride May 3rd. Bob Krzewinski will also be helping with at “Basic Biking” talk at the Library on May 14th and appear on the Mark Maynard radio show May 9th to talk about the Committee and Bike Bus Walk Week. Kevin Hill will also look at having a Committee information table at one of the summer downtown “First Friday” events.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – A proposed draft ordinance for traffic calming should go before City Council for a first reading in June.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – No news yet on the Walk Friendly application. On the Bike Friendly re-application, there was a meeting May 5th between Bob Krzewinski, Bonnie Wessler, John Waterman (PEAC) and DeBorah Borden (Washtenaw County Heath Department) to set tasks to re-apply in February 2016. The group will meet again on June 10th, 2pm at the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Bureau downtown.
 - Wayfinding signage – Discussion held on simple walking wayfaring signs between Eastern Michigan University, downtown and Depot Town. Bob Krzewinski will order one sample wayfaring sign.

- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – The Michigan Department of Transportation wants to hold one final public hearing on these projects but no date has been set yet (may possibly be held in June).
- c. Ypsilanti AAATA Transit Center non-motorized improvements – No updates but Bob Krzewinski has received emails from AAATA staff about working together with the Committee and will continue communicating with the AAATA staff. Also mentioned was possibly inviting AAATA staff to a Committee meeting.
- d. May 10-16 Bike-Bus-Walk Week (including Ghost Bikes, Bike To Work Day) – Bob Krzewinski reviewed the schedule of events.
- e. Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets – Bob Krzewinski will contact the Mayor again about signing on to the U.S. Department of Transportation program to cut pedestrian and bicyclist's injuries and deaths.
- f. Ypsilanti Bike Share Program – Bob Krzewinski will check in again with EMU on any updates on this potential project.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Bob Krzewinski talked with Bonnie Wessler of the Planning Department prior to the meeting with her comments incorporated into agenda item discussions. Bonnie also noted that Committee members may wish to attend the May 20th City Planning Commission meeting as an Adams Street rebuild (between Pearl and Washtenaw) will take place with Complete Streets input.
- b. Other - Bob Krzewinski will plan to attend the Michigan Department of Transportation "Training Wheels" course in Monroe on May 19th meant to educate participants on the planning and design of on-road bike facilities. It was also decided to invite the new City Economic Development Director, Beth Ernet, to the June Committee meeting.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment – Next meeting Thursday, June 4, 2015, Ypsilanti District Library downtown.