

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Wolverine Grill, 228 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm, Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Wolverine Grill, 228 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti. Committee members in attendance were Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – General discussion about non-motorized improvements.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the agenda with no objections.
 - c. Committee communications received - None
 - d. Committee re-appointments – All Committee member appointments expire in January 2013. In December, a letter will be forwarded from the Committee to the Planning Commission (who appoints Committee members) recommending reappointments or new members. Terms will be staggered (one or two years) to prevent all Committee members terms from expiring on the same date. Also, Committee members were urged to use their own contacts to find additional members for the Committee, forwarding contact information to Bob Krzewinski.
4. Old business
 - a. Complete Streets improvements update – Updates are contained in agenda item below.
 - b. Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – No update.
 - c. Additional bike parking hoop locations – A draft letter to the Downtown Development Association was distributed recommending where additional bicycle racks should be installed. Kevin Hill will also research additional temporary bicycle racks with information provided by Bob Krzewinski.
 - d. City Non-Motorized web page – Bob Krzewinski will have the City add additional pages in the next two weeks, including information about area bicycling and walking information, economic benefits of non-motorized facilities and a bike rack map. Bob Krzewinski will also contact the DDA to have them link to the City Non-Motorized web page.
 - e. 2012 Non-Motorized Committee Priorities
 - Fall/Winter non-motorized input session – This will take place at the start of the December meeting.
 - Library bicycling/walking section additions – Bob Krzewinski has been doing research on what books are “on the rack” at the downtown library and will come up with a list of recommended additional books. The plan is to ask individuals to buy, and donate, books to the library. Also, a grant for books might be available from the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring club.
 - Library bicycling/walking programs – A cold weather bicycling talk will be held at the downtown library Saturday at 2pm November 10th sponsored by the Committee and Bike Ypsi. Future talks will be held in the spring at the Library. Also, a discussion was held on a possible youth bicycling program which will be discussed more at the December Committee meeting.
 - Bike Friendly Community application – No updates. A discussion was held, however, about League of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Businesses, to which Kevin Hill will look into for Ypsilanti businesses.
 - f. Border To Border Trail Completion (Michigan Avenue crossing, Water Street segment) – News should be coming forth in November about the Michigan Land Trust Grant application to construct a permanent Border To Border Trail in the Water Street area.
 - g. Huron/Hamilton road diets – The City Planning Department is actively working on road diets with assistance from the Committee expected by the Department soon. Bob Krzewinski also distributed a letter to the Planning Department urging any Huron Street improvements to include rumble strips on the Huron to Cross Street left turn lane.
 - h. Green painted bike lanes – No new updates.
 - i. Cross Street construction completion event – Bob Krzewinski has been conversing with the City Public Services to see if the reconstructed West Cross Street, before opened to motorized traffic, could have a “non-motorized” period of use.
 - j. Grove Road reconstruction – This road reconstruction, scheduled for 2013 and includes Complete Streets improvements, was discussed.
 - k. Other
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Updates were included in the “Old Business” agenda items.
 - b. Other – A report on the Committee participation in the downtown Halloween celebration was discussed where handouts were given out including safe trick-or-treating hints. Kevin Hill also discussed the Convention and Visitors Center Wayfinding Program, providing contact information for the Program.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Hill, seconded by Richard Murphy, with no objects. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.