

**Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 7, 2013, 7pm**

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order on November 7, 2013, 7:05pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Bob Krzewinski and Cheryl Weber. City Planner Teresa Gillotti and City Councilman Pete Murdock also attended.
2. Introductions
  - a. Audience participation/public Input – Meeting guests shared in introductions.
3. General business
  - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the November, with no objections.
  - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the October minutes, with no objections.
  - c. Committee members – new members & reappointments – It was noted that at the end of December 2013 the terms of Committee members Adam Gainsley, Kevin Hill, Rod Johnson and Laura Shiltz will expire. Bob Krzewinski will inquire about their willingness to continue serving as well as soliciting new members. Recommendations for appointments will be sent to the City Planning Commission after the December Committee meeting.
4. Old business
  - a. 2013 Committee priorities
    - Sidewalk completion/improvements – A discussion of the top priorities for sidewalks was held with the top choices being the gaps on the north side of Washtenaw Avenue (Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt Road), North Huron Street (Jarvis Street to Leforge Road), Catherine Street (east of Huron Street) and the Spring Street-Chidester Place area. Final recommendations will be formulated at the December meeting for forwarding on to the Planning Commission/Department.
    - I-94/Huron non-motorized crossing – Teresa Gillotti gave an update on the meetings on this future project indicating in 2014 there will be a number of public input sessions.
    - Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Bob Krzewinski gave a report on a recent meeting at the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission offices where plans were made for a series of new County bicycle maps. These maps will have a County-wide map on one side and on the flip side will have one of three specific-area bike maps (Ann Arbor, eastern Washtenaw County or Dexter/Chelsea). Tentative plans are to have the new maps ready for printing in the late summer of 2014. Also discussed for the December meeting was to come up with a top-five list of where additional signage is needed in the City.
    - Additional bike parking hoop locations & bike corrals – Plans are being made by the Downtown Development Authority to purchase and install additional bicycle parking racks in the next few months.
    - Border To Border Trail Ypsilanti completion – With the City Council approving a property easement purchase for the Trail crossing of Michigan Avenue, construction on a permanent Trail segment from Riverside Park to Grove Road is expected in the spring of 2014.
    - Bike/Walk Friendly Community applications – The City is planning on submitting the Walk Friendly application by the end of the year. No update on the Bike Friendly application.
  - b. Ypsi bike-friendly businesses – Bob Krzewinski is continuing to work on this along with Kevin Hill. A suggestion was also made to include the Bike Benefits program in the program.
  - c. Additional bike lane locations – A discussion was held with top recommendations being Forest Avenue (between Prospect Street and Norris Street), Cornell Street (Michigan Avenue south to Collegewood Street), Harriet/Spring/Maus Streets and Cross Street (Owendale Street west to the City limit). Final recommendations will be made at the December Committee meeting for forwarding to the Planning Commission/Department.
  - d. 2014 priorities – A discussion was held on possible 2014 Committee priorities with top choices being completion of the Border To Border Trail, a Ypsilanti bike map, additional bike lanes, filling in sidewalk gaps, work on revising/renewing the City Non-Motorized Plan (which has an effective date ending in 2015). Bike/Walk Friendly Community applications and Bike Friendly businesses. Final decisions on 2014 priorities will be made at the December meeting.
  - e. Committee project “helpers” - Bob Krzewinski will do outreach to find volunteers for Committee projects.
  - f. Committee events – The annual Halloween downtown program on October 25 went well with Committee members passing out donated candy and giving out “safe trick-or-treating”

coloring/puzzle pages. The November 2<sup>nd</sup> cold weather cycling talk held in cooperation with the downtown library was very well attended.

- g. Other – Eastern Michigan University is starting student walking tours to introduce individuals to the community. Also, some complaints are coming in about the conversion of a western portion of Michigan Avenue from four lanes to two lanes (with a center turn lane and bike lanes). The Committee will draft a letter to the Planning Commission supporting this conversion.
- 5. New Business
    - a. Planning Department update – Update was given during the course of the meeting by Teresa Gillotti.
    - b. Other – It appears that the bike sharing (rental) program set up by Stuart Beal has been taken down. Teresa Gillotti will check if this is temporary. Also, the AATA is holding a series of local input sessions.
  - 6. Other Items – Announcements - None
  - 7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cheryl Weber, to adjourn the meeting. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next Non-Motorized Advisory Committee meeting date will be announced.