

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2014

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm, Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Diana Gonzalez, Kevin Hill, Laura Shlitz and Cheryl Weber. Also attending was Andy Hromadka as audience.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Diana Gonzalez, to accept the September agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of September meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Diana Gonzalez, to accept the September meeting minutes with no objections.
4. Old business
 - a. 2014 Committee priorities
 - **Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications** – Data has been rec'd and enter from AAATA, City of Ypsilanti Police Chief, and Kevin Hill has added updates also.
 - **Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map** – Mark Ferrall of WATS is coordinating map with Tony.
 - **Border To Border Trail completion progress** - Water Street Segment: Final permits to State should be approved by the first week of October, then bids will go out. Construction still expected to start by early November and progress, weather permitting, through the winter. Asphalt paving will have to take place in the spring as that's when asphalt would be available again. Cheryl said that the Hawk construction on Michigan Ave should be started this month.
 - **Sidewalk improvements** - Washtenaw Avenue - North Huron - Catherine Street - No updates.
 - **Additional bike lanes** - Forest Avenue - West Cross Street - Huron & Hamilton Streets – -Protocol/Guidelines for establishing bike lanes given to Planning Department. Three streets listed above a priority with the Planning Department requesting the Committee come up with a list of other bike lane possibilities. Actual bike lane creation would be planned for every spring as laying down markings in the fall would have them scraped up by snow plows over the winter. Discussed that Cornell Street, Packard to Hewitt and Huron River Drive, but nothing confirmed at this time on additional streets for bike lanes.
 - **Bike Friendly Business program** – Andy suggested maintenance of bike hoops. At Aubrey's the bolts on the hoops are lose and can be taken apart with your hands. Co-op bike hoops are not in the ground solid. Suggestion is to see about maintenance or construction of the hoops to city. Kevin said the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti (DAY) and the DDA are ready to move forward with the stickers, waiting to hear where to get the stickers and etc.
 - **Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking** – Annual safe-trick-or-treating is at 5:30 pm and on 10/30, is not located only at the Michigan Ave library. Street will be closed and parking lot of the library will be used for the event.
 - **Signage/pavement marking improvements** N. Huron & Cross - Hamilton & Michigan -Cross & Washtenaw (EMU) - S. Hamilton mid-block crossing - Huron & Pearl - Planning Department will be talking with MDOT about "No Turn On Red" sign next to signal for southbound Hamilton/Michigan intersection light and also "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" signage for traffic turning from northbound Huron on to West Cross. Also, MDOT is working on a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant for a HAWK crossing of Washtenaw/Cross by the water tower. (There was debate on where the HAWK is going to be, it was unclear as if near the water tower or more west of it.)
 - b. I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements - WATS is currently working with MDOT on preferred alternative action and looking at a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant for possible 2016 construction.
 - c. Upcoming events-Downtown Halloween event (10/30) at 5:30pm, Bike-Ypsil Fall ride October 12, at 1 pm at the Corner Brewery.
5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update
 - b. 2015 Committee Priorities - The thought would be to start work on this in October and complete it at the December meeting, using past lists and also heavily consulting the Non-Motorized Master Plan (suggest looking at this link to portion of Master Plan - <http://cityofypsilanti.com/Portals/0/docs/Planning/NonMotorizedPlan/YNMTP-3.pdf>). Suggested “starter list” will be emailed to everyone. Suggested to pick the Top and work on them to see if we can get them done. The recommendation at this time with the Draft Priorities are #1, #3, #6,#7 and #8. Kevin is going to contact the person at EMU about the drop down on EMU’s website for the downtown events. #6, - Kevin suggested a focus also on the business buying bike hoops for \$25.
 - c. 2015 Committee Members - Terms end 12/13 for Cheryl Weber, Bob Krzewinski, Richard Murphy - Bob will send out information requesting volunteers for new Committee members with other suggestions forwarded to him (two-year term of office). No update
 - d. Other - EMU Bike Sharing: Survey should be going out soon about setting up a bike-sharing (short-term rental) program with the Committee getting a copy of the survey.
College Place/W. Cross bike rack: There is a new, multi-bike bike rack on the SE corner of this intersection that may not be used that much and the Planning Department is looking for suggestion on where it could be moved to for greater use.
Suggestions were to move the bike hoops to Tower Inn at the corner by the counseling center. Seems to me more traffic area there where people would feel safe.
6. Other Items – Announcements-
 7. Adjournment - Next meeting Thursday, November 6, 2014