

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting, held at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, was brought to order at 7:05pm. Committee members present were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Sara Walsh. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock and Lena Reeves.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of July meeting minutes – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Sarah, to accept the July meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. New Committee members – No updates.
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Tony gave an update on map availability with maps for sure being available at the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors bureau on Michigan Avenue. Bob will obtain 50 maps from them to be handed out at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival valet bike parking information table.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Bob will lead a walk on the Water Street Trail (before construction starts) on Thursday, August 13th, 7:30pm. A ground breaking ceremony will take place on the Water Street B2B segment Thursday, August 20, 4pm near the east end of the Michigan Avenue bridge. Pete and Bob talked about the possibility of B2B improvements from Grove Road to I-94 by the City, with the City Manager requesting a letter of support for such a project from the Committee (Bob will write the letter).
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – Tony and Bob will plan to meet with Bonnie Wessler (City Planning Department) next week to go over the Plan. Sarah suggested adding items from the Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly Community application critiques to the Plan.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources (sidewalks – signage) – Pete discussed potential sidewalks at Candy Cane/Hefley Parks, as well as a recent audit of possible sidewalk deficiencies in the City (yellow paint on defective sidewalk areas). On pedestrian safety signage improvements, Bob will contact the local Michigan Department of Transportation staff to urge action.
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Funds may still be available for bike lanes (Forest/Cross/Miles) this year with Pete following the issue. Also Pete reported that City Council will have a working session soon on City roads that will include non-motorized projects.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Visits being done to local businesses. Bob will attend the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti meeting on August 19th to sign up businesses there.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – The Committee will have an information table at the Parkridge Summer Festival on August 29th from noon to 4pm with bike helmet giveaways and free bike repairs. Bob will also drop off children's bicycling safety books at the August 8th Rutherford Pool triathlon.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – Pete reported one street has requested traffic calming devices under the new City policy on such requests.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – A Bike Friendly Community application meeting will be taking place Tuesday, August 11th, 10am at the PEAC office on Washington Street. No new updates on the Walk Friendly application with a volunteer needed to head up such a project.
 - Wayfinding signage – Pete reported the City Council recently took action on a wayfinding maintenance procedure.
 - b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No new movement on these projects with a discussion that lobbying may need to be done if no action reports are received by September. Pete will also bring up this subject at an upcoming WATS meeting.

- c. Ypsilanti AAATA Transit Center non-motorized improvements – Bob reported on the AAATA meeting held on the Transit Center held recently with Bob presenting a letter of requested improvements from the Committee.
- d. Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets – After City Council approval, the City is now enrolled in this program.
- e. NMAC at Parkridge Summer Fest (August 29 12 noon to 4pm) – Discussed in 2015 Committee priorities earlier in the meeting.
- f. Other – Updated City Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP – containing many non-motorized projects) will be going to City Council soon for approval.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Bob met with Bonnie Wessler prior to the Committee meeting with information contained in the minutes.
- b. City bicycle registration – Pete reported there are some discussions going on in the City about making bike registration mandatory due to recent bike thefts. Bob will come up with some potential alternatives to deter bike theft.
- c. September meeting date – The September meeting will be moved to after Labor Day, to Wednesday, September 9th.

6. Other Items – Announcements – The August 7th First Friday Art Walk will have a bike ride starting from the Corner Brewery at 6:30pm. The Ypsilanti Heritage Festival will have free bike valet parking on August 22 and 23.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.