

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015

Ypsilanti District Library, Meeting Room #1 – main floor) 229 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Ypsilanti

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, September 9, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Martha Cleary, Sarah Walsh, Tony Bedogne, Bob Krzewinski and Kevin Hill.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sara, seconded by Tony, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sara, to approve the August meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. New Committee members – Lena Reeves and Kelly Kowatch, both attending the meeting, are interested in serving on the Committee with unanimous consent of the Committee. Bob will forward their names on to the Planning Commission for approval.
 - d. Other
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Goal of a new map completed. New maps are available at the Ypsilanti Convention & Visitors Bureau downtown.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – With construction underway on the Trail segment from Riverside Park south to Grove Road, a discussion was held on the two other Trail gaps in Ypsilanti, Frog Island to Eastern Michigan University and Grove Road to Ypsilanti Township. Bob will set up walking tours for Committee members in the near future for the EMU gap aided by maps of potential routings. Also, there was a discussion on routing Trail users on to the new Trail section once construction is complete and Bob will come up with maps for that also.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – Plans are to have a public input session in conjunction with First Friday art walk events on October 2nd as well as a session at the Depot Town Farmers Market on October 3rd. Sara will also work on an online/paper survey.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources (sidewalks – signage) – Lena advised the Committee of problems with curb cuts around Hamilton and Ferris and Bob and her will set up a tour for documentation for a request for action. Sidewalk gaps at Candy Cane and Hefley Parks should be completed before the end of the summer. Bob will communicate with MDOT on pedestrian safety signage requests. Tony will check into possible videos of pedestrian safety problem areas by EMU students.
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Bob working with City Council member Pete Murdock on this.

- Bike Friendly Business program – Kevin will solicit applications from Downtown Association of Ypsilanti (DAY) members at their September meeting.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – Plans are for the Committee to again participate in the DAY Halloween festival on 10/30 by offering donated candy and “safe trick-or-treating” handouts. Bob will also host a Committee sponsored “cold weather cycling” class in November.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – No new update.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – No new update.
 - Wayfinding signage – No new update.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – As per a communication from Pete Murdock, the Huron/Hamilton road diet is on hold by MDOT pending resolution by the State legislature on road funding. The Huron Street non-motorized improvements to I-94 is still going forward although slowly.
 - c. NMAC at Parkridge Summer Fest (report) – The Committee’s portion of the event, with free bike tune-ups and helmet give-aways, was a huge success.
 - d. City bicycle registration – Bob presented a summary sheet of options to reinstating mandatory bicycle registration in the City.
 - e. Other – Protected bicycle lanes were discussed with one form of protection being the visual effect of lanes being painted green with erosion resistant paint with one possible area being W. Cross Street.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – No update.
- b. October meeting date – Meeting date changed to Monday, October 5th.
- c. Halloween Festival NMAC table – Bob will coordinate for October 30th.
- d. City Sidewalk Repair – Appeal Board – Bob will send a message to the Mayor indicating the need for more City communications on the City’s recent sidewalk repair program actions.
- e. 2016 NMAC priorities – Committee members urged to bring ideas for the October meeting.
- f. Other – Sara indicated America Walks has announced grants up to \$2500 for pedestrian projects. The City Council will hold a City roads working session that Bob will attend on September 29th.

6. Other Items – Announcements – The DDA recently installed a number of new bike racks downtown and in Depot Town. A new “no parking” sign has been erected on West Cross Street where cars were routinely parking in the bike lane. National Walk-To-School Day is October 7th. Ypsilanti’s Program To Educate All Cyclists was recently awarded Bike Friendly Business status by the League of American Bicyclists.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Kevin, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.