

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:04pm, October 5, 2015 at the Ypsilanti City Hall, 1 South Huron Street. Committee members attending were Martha Cleary, Kevin Hill and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was City Of Ypsilanti Director of Community & Economic Development Beth Ernat and City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Kevin, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of September meeting minutes – Bob indicated one error in the printed September meeting minutes, that being Martha was not on the list of attendees at the September meeting. With that correction noted, a motion was made by Martha, seconded by Kevin, to approve the September meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Committee members – new and renewals at end of calendar year – Bob indicated that the Planning Commission had received from the Committee a request that Lena Reeves and Kelly Kowatch be added to the Committee and that Kevin will be resigning effective October 6th.
 - d. Other
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities
 - Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map – Completed goal with maps available at the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Bureau downtown.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress - Beth gave an update on the current Trail construction, indicating that plans are for the new Riverside Park bridge to be in place, and the Water Street Trail segment, to be completed in November. Work on the Michigan Avenue non-motorized crossing of the Trail, and work on updated bike lanes, are expected to be completed next year when the construction season starts up again. Also a discussion was held on starting a conceptual plan process on extending the B2B from Frog Island Park northwest to EMU as part of a N. Huron Street road project.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – A public input session was held at City Hall on October 2nd with another session at the Saturday, October 10th Farmer Market at Depot Town from 9am to 1pm.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources (sidewalks – signage) – Sidewalks are going in at Candy Cane and Hefley Parks. Bob presented a draft letter to MDOT for pedestrian safety sign improvements. Beth suggested adding in pedestrian traffic incidents at the areas referenced in the letter for the last couple years as well as speeding data (available from WATS). Other suggestions were making sure these proposed improvements are in the Non-Motorized Master Plan update and obtaining a resolution of support from City Council to go along with the letter to MDOT.

- Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Bike lanes for Forest and West Cross are still very active for the City.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Kevin will attempt applications through the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.
 - Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking – Bob will give a cold weather bicycling talk sponsored by the Committee at the downtown library, Saturday, November 7, 1pm.
 - Traffic Calming In Neighborhoods – No new updates.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – No new updates.
 - Wayfinding signage – No new updates.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No new updates from last meeting. The Huron/I-94 bridge non-motorized improvements are now expected in 2017.
 - c. Halloween Festival NMAC table – Bob will coordinate for this Friday, October 23rd event (5pm to 6:15pm asking DAY for candy donations, the AAATA for promotional wrist lights and passing out “safe trick-or-treating” flyers.
 - d. City Sidewalk Repair – Bob has sent a request to the Mayor urging more information be sent out about the current City sidewalk repair program. There currently is only a small item noted on the City Public Services web page -
<http://www.cityofypsilanti.com/Government/Departments/PublicServices/SidewalkRepairProgram>

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – No new updates.
 - b. 2016 NMAC priorities – A discussion was held on possible 2016 priorities with more time to be spent on this at the November meeting.
 - c. Other – With Kevin, who was a DDA representative, leaving the Non-Motorized Committee, Kevin suggested contacting the DDA replacement representative to the Committee.
6. Other Items – Announcements – City Council will have a snow removal working session on November 3 from 6pm to 7pm. A public notice is on the City web page indicating that the city’s snow ordinance and abatement procedures go into effect October 19. Beth recommended that the Committee provide regular reports (besides the Committee annual report) to City Council on its actions and requests.
 7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Kevin, to adjourn the meeting passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm with the next meeting being Thursday, November 5th, 7pm at the downtown Library.