

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, November 5, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Martha Cleary, Bob Krzewinski, Lena Reeves and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – A discussion was held on additional Share The Road signs and traffic calming.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Sarah, to approve the October minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Committee members – new and renewals at end of calendar year – The terms of Tony Bedogne and Diana Gonzalez expire in January 2016. Lena Reeves and Kelly Cowatch have been both approved to serve on the Committee by the City Planning Commission at their October meeting. The Committee is still in need of a Secretary and Vice-Chair. With Kevin Hill no longer serving on the Committee as the Downtown Development Authority representative, Bob Krzewinski will meet with the DDA Director to find a possible replacement.
4. Old business
 - a. 2015 Committee priorities (abbreviated list)
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – A discussion was held on what should be the “next step” for B2B completion in Ypsilanti with a short term goal of having more people use the new City B2B facilities and a long term goal of completing an off-road Frog Island to EMU off-road path. Bob will suggest a meeting of key parties for both short/long term goals early next year. It was also noted that City Council approved funding an engineering construction study for the B2B Michigan Avenue signaled mid-block crossing and possibly enhanced bike lanes for the B2B on South Grove Road. Bob will work on obtaining updated bike lane plans for Grove Road.
 - Update the City Non-Motorized Plan – One last public input session will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at the downtown Library on the Plan update. Bob will also set up a separate meeting on Committee members interested in working on the plan update. Sarah gave a report on the Plan online survey (43 participants) and will write up a report for inclusion into the Plan.
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian improvements and funding sources (sidewalks – signage) – Sidewalks have been completed in Candy Cane and Hefley Parks. Bob still working on background data for a letter to MDOT for additional pedestrian safety signage in the City.
 - Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources – Pete informed the Committee that a Forest Avenue bike lane will be an active project for the City with a public hearing held over the winter with planned installation in the spring of 2016.

- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – Still tentatively planned for the summer of 2017. Also suggested until that time were “Share The Road” signs at the four on/off ramps.
- c. City Sidewalk Repair – No new updates

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Bob reported on his conversation with City Planning staff earlier in the week.
- b. 2016 NMAC priorities – A draft list of possible 2016 priorities of the Committee was reviewed with a final list to be completed at the December meeting.
- c. Other – Snow removal was discussed, as was the City Councils November 3rd Snow Removal working session which Bob attended and gave input. Possible action of the Committee would be to assist the City in getting the word out over social media about sidewalk snow removal requirements, especially as how they relate to the handicapped and also curb cut clearing. Bob gave a report on the Committee’s participation at the City Halloween Festival where the Committee gave out lighted wrist bands (courtesy of the AAATA) and safe-Halloweening handouts.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm. The next meeting is Thursday, December 3, at 6:30pm (Non-Motorized Plan public input session to 7:30pm followed by a regular meeting at 7:30pm at the downtown Library.