

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2016

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, March 3, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Bob Krzewinski and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
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3. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – None.
4. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of February meeting minutes – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Martha, to approve the February minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Secretary vacancies – Discussed.
 - d. Officer reports – Bob will be attending the March 17th Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting to discuss non-motorized issues, including having a DDA member sit on the Committee. Bob will also attend a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) non-motorized committee meeting on March 24 (www.walkbikemichigan.com).
5. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – The Committee's letter to MDOT on the lack of curb cuts at the intersection of Ferris & Hamilton Streets were discussed with suggested corrections noted.
 - Bike lane additions – Pete indicated a public input session on the proposed Forest bike lane (Prospect to Norris) could take place in April. Bob will work with Pete on a draft meeting flyer and also conduct an informal survey of motor vehicles parked along Forest.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Discussed was a re-design delay for the Michigan Avenue B2B *High intensity Activated crosswalk* (HAWK) crossing and the lack of a curb cut where the new Water Street B2B Trail intersects Grove Road. The Friends of the B2B indicated they may help fund such a curb cut.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – A Walk Friendly application was held on February 22nd with another scheduled for March 29th at the downtown library. A meeting date for the Bike Friendly application is pending.
 - Pedestrian safety signage – Bob is working to finalize the letter, with City Planning Department input, to MDOT for increased safety signage and markings.
 - Committee event participation & education – Bike Ypsi is having their Spring Ride planning meeting on March 6th, 2pm, at the Corner Brewery. Bob is starting to work on May's Bike-Bus-Walk Week activities.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Bob will be making more business visits.
 - Traffic calming – The Committee reviewed the letter to the City Manager concerning traffic calming on Congress Street between Summit and Ballard with a discussion that Congress west of Summit has speeding problems too. "Smart" speed limit signs (incorporating a readout of actual vehicle speed) was discussed with Bob drafting a letter for a pilot project for three of these signs with tentative locations being Forest, Cross and Congress Streets. Such signs, as a pilot project, would need to be incorporated into the City's Capitol Improvement Plan. Tony will also check into Eastern Michigan University students performing traffic counts in the City.
 - b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No new updates.
 - c. Sidewalk snow removal – After the last few snowfalls, the Committee placed information about the need to remove snow from curb cuts and for reporting snow removal non-compliance on the City web page (Ypsi Connect). Also discussed was the problem of disabled individuals and lack of snow removal. Bob will work on this more talking with City Code Enforcement about the this problem and finding more free snow removal services for the elderly/disabled through Cheryl Weber.
 - d. Non-motorized plan – Bonnie Wessler in the City Planning Department working on the update.
 - e. Other – Bob will contact the AAATA about the need for additional bike parking loops at the Transit Center as a part of the improvements for the Center.

6. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Bob talked with Bonnie Wessler of the Planning Department prior to the meeting with the items discussed contained in the minutes. Bonnie also advised reviewing the City Capitol Improvement Plan for new non-motorized improvements and that Joe Myers with the City, has taken over the work of DDA Executive Director with the resignation of Tim Colbeck.
- b. Committee member term expiration day of month – To clarify when Committee members start, and end, their terms on the Committee, the following motion was made to adopt a resolution on Term Dates by Tony, seconded by Sarah, passing unanimously with Bob forwarding this on to the City Planning Commission for their approval...

Resolution – Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Member Term Dates

Whereas, at the present time only there is no specific date, only a month, listed for a Committee members term to begin or end.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee By-laws Section 1, item b (Committee members) be amended to add the following language - “A Committee member’s term starts on the date they are approved by the Planning Commission and expires on the last day of the month two years later”

Be It Further Resolved that a request will be made to the City of Ypsilanti Planning Commission to approve this change at their next meeting.

7. Other Items – Announcements – None.

8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, April 7, 7pm at the downtown Library.