

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:37pm, November 3, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Cathie Kinzel, and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – Students from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) assisted Tony with a City curb cut mapping project update.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Bob, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Cathie, to approve the October minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports - Bob gave an update on the Committee table at the Downtown Ypsilanti Halloween Festival, the City of Saline being interested in setting up a non-motorized committee and looking to our Committee for advice, the Chair of the Planning Commission attending a Committee meeting (probably the December meeting) and a SEMCOG non-motorized webinar on November 10th.
 - d. Committee members/By-laws review - Sarah and Bob's terms expire on 1/31/2017 and both are willing to serve again. Also in January the Planning Commission needs to appoint a Committee Chair (using a recommendation of the Committee) with Bob willing to serve again.
4. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) letter follow-up on Ferris/Hamilton improvements, - Bob will gather information from the Washtenaw Area Traffic Study (WATS) and the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) before contacting MDOT.
 - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane – The new segment from Prospect to River Street should be painted in the spring as if painted now would deteriorate over the winter due to plowing.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island/Grove Road Master Plan – HAWK work is proceeding and is planned to be completed by mid-December. There are reports that some users of the EMU HAWK are confused of its usage with Bob researching signage at the EMU crossing compared to what Ann Arbor HAWK crossings have. Bob will plan to meet with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission staff to discuss an Ypsilanti Border To Border Trail completion master plan.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Deadlines: Walk Friendly 12/15/2016 – Bike Friendly 2/9/2017 – Sarah and Martha actively working on the Walk Friendly application. Bob will work with Tony on the Bike Friendly application.
 - Pedestrian safety signage – MDOT letter follow-up – Bob will contact MDOT.

- Committee event participation & education – Bob will plan to give a cold weather cycling talk in early December sponsored by the Committee. Also once the Water Street B2B trail reopens, and the Michigan Avenue HAWK light is complete, a low-key walk by the Committee may take place with a formal grand opening expected in the spring by the City.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – No new news.
 - Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No new news.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – WATS assisting the City with this project.
 - c. Non-motorized plan – No new news.
 - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – Tony will send the current list to Committee members.
 - e. 2017 Committee priorities & City budget non-motorized project recommendations – Items chosen for 2017 Committee priorities were (in no order of priority)...
 - Accessibility in City parks
 - Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted
 - Pedestrian safety signage
 - Border To Border Trail completion master plan
 - Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – North side of road from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt Road
 - Bike lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest

Further discussion, and steps to accomplish these goals, will take place at the December meeting.

- f. MDOT Meeting & ADA curb cut priorities documents/maps – See item 5.c. below.
- g. Bike repair stations – Bob is setting up a meeting with Library staff and other interested individuals for November 21 or 22 with the thought to have repair stations at the downtown Library and Parkridge Community Center.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update - Bob talked with City Planner Bonnie Wessler and comments included in the agenda items
- b. AAATA Transit Center bike racks – Bob received word from the AAATA that it is their opinion that Transit Center bike racks are the responsibility of the City and DDA. Bob has asked for input on this subject from the DDA.
- c. Other – Pete discussed the City Road Committee (of which a member of the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee is a sitting member) and how it would be beneficial for a definite multi-year plan non-motorized construction plan containing amounts of funds available and how those would be spent. Tony, with the assistance of EMU students, gave an update (including maps) of the mapping of crosswalk curb cuts in the City.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None,

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, Monday, December 1, 7:30pm at the downtown Library main floor meeting room.

