

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1st, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:33pm, December 1, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Martha Cleary, Cathie Kinzel, Sarah Walsh and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was City Planning Commission Chair Heidi Jugenitz.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of November meeting minutes - A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Cathie, to approve the November minutes, passing unanimously
 - c. Officer reports – Bob reported that Tony Bedogne created an 8 ½” x 11” downloadable (at www.bbwypsi.org) PDF Ypsilanti bicycle map using the map in the County bicycle map. At the first major snowstorm, Bob will also post on area Facebook/Nextdoor pages an alert to residents about the City snow ordinance and also how to report problems using ClickFix on the City website, as well as information about the Sheriff Departments sidewalk snow removal help for disabled residents.
 - 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. Both items will appear on the January meeting agenda.
4. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – MDOT letter follow-up on Ferris/Hamilton improvements – Bob will formulate a resolution urging MDOT to take action for Ferris/Hamilton curb cuts, as well as pedestrian safety signage on MDOT controlled City streets, for approval by the Planning Commission & City Council and then forwarded to MDOT.
 - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane – No update.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island/Grove Road Master Plan – The Michigan Avenue HAWK signal should be operational by the end of December. Bob will talk with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission staff about a B2B Trail master plan for Ypsilanti.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Deadlines: Walk Friendly 12/15/2016 – Bike Friendly 2/9/2017 – Sarah will try and have the Walk Friendly application out by the December 15th deadline. Bob will work with Tony Bedogne on the Bike Friendly application.
 - Pedestrian safety signage – MDOT letter follow-up – Discussed in first bullet point (“Sidewalks”) of this section.
 - Committee event participation & education – Bob will give a cold weather cycling talk on Saturday, December 3, 2pm at the downtown Library. A Water Street B2B walk will be postponed until the spring pending the completion of soil contamination remediation work.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Paula’s Barber Shop in Depot Town signed up.
 - Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No new updates.
 - b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No new updates.
 - c. Non-motorized plan – No new updates.
 - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – Bob represented the Committee at the November 15th City Transportation CIP Committee meeting where representatives were asked to rank potential projects for the City. Representatives were also asked to rank the top three picks and Bob, for the Non-Motorized Committee had the Huron/I-94 non-motorized improvements first, Border To Border Trail completion second and Washtenaw Avenue sidewalk completion third. The next meeting of the Committee will be December 14th. On another note, in reviewing the present City CIP there were a small number of non-motorized projects either not listed or needing clarification. Bob will formulate a suggested list of CIP additions/revisions to be forwarded to the Planning Commission for potential action. Also discussed were possible amendments to the City master plan supporting non-motorized projects.

e. 2017 Committee priorities & City budget non-motorized project recommendations

For 2017 Committee priorities, these are...

- Bike lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest and extend the West Cross bike lane to the western City limit
- I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements
- Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan
- Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted
- Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs)
- Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road
- Accessibility in City parks

For 2017 non-motorized funding priorities for City Council funding, these are...

- Bike Lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest Avenue between Norris Street and Prospect Road (Currently approved but not funded)
- Huron Street – I-94 Non-motorized user access
- Border To Border Trail – Complete moving the Trail off-road through Ypsilanti.
 - Trail completion master plan needed
 - Project split into two segments (Grove Road to I-94 and Frog Island Park to Eastern Michigan University)
 - Move non-motorized traffic through Riverside/Water Street areas
- Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue: Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road
- Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs)

f. Bike repair stations – Bob attended a meeting on November 21st with the Ypsilanti District Library willing to be the lead organization for stations at the downtown Library Plaza Park and the Parkridge Center. The initial goal will be to obtain \$1500 in major donations towards a \$3000 goal with the remaining funds raised by a www.patronicity.com drive. The next meeting will be in late December and Bob will advise Committee members of details.

g. Other

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 – The large bicycle rack that was on the southeast corner of College Place and West Cross Street was moved to the Transit Center.
- c. Other – A discussion was held on the need for safety improvements on West Cross Street in Ypsilanti west to Packard Avenue in Ann Arbor. Bob will discuss this with the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition at its next meeting.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, January 5, 7:00pm at the downtown Library main floor meeting room.