

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:08pm, October 12, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Cathie Kinzel and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending were Rosie Pahl Donaldson of the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, and City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – Rosie gave an overview of the Eastern Washtenaw County Border To Border Trail Master Plan with Committee members giving input on possible Trail routings in the Ypsilanti area. Rosie also encouraged the Committee to start thinking of possible projects for the 2018 County Parks Connecting Communities trail building program.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the October agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of September meeting minutes - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the September minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Committee member recruitment – New members of the Committee are still needed.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2017 Committee priorities
 - Bike lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest and extend the West Cross bike lane from Wallace Street to the western City limit – Forest bike lane is well used. Other bike lanes discussed in item 5.c.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – For this 2022 project (which will involve repaving of the Huron and Hamilton also), some engineering work could start next year. Pete will look into the City buying “Share The Road” (with pedestrian and bicycle symbols).
 - Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan – Discussed earlier at the start of the meeting.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – Results should be known in late October or early November.
 - Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – Discussed in item 5.c.
 - Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road – Discussed in item 5.c.
 - Accessibility in City parks – No new updates.
 - b. Non-motorized plan – Tony will work on putting draft document in an easy to edit Word format.
 - c. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – Curb cuts being installed on Congress.
 - d. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – No new updates.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – No new updates.
- b. Downtown Halloween Festival Committee table/handouts - October 27 (5:30pm-7pm) – Bob will attend on behalf of the Committee passing out “safe trick-or-treating” related items (wrist lights courtesy of AAATA and McGruff the Crime Dog Halloween Safety handouts.
- c. 2018 Committee priorities – Discussion on 2018 Committee priorities reflected in a first draft list (addendum to minutes). Final priorities will be approved at the November meeting and forwarded on the Planning Commission and City Council.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm with the next meeting being Thursday, November 9 (second Thursday) 2017 at the downtown Library.

City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee

2017 Priorities List (Bold print items below picked at October-December NMAC meetings)

What the Committee volunteers can do

- Sidewalks – Identify disabled access problem points
- **Accessibility in City parks**
- Sidewalks - Prioritize major sidewalk deficiencies – MDOT streets> major streets > schools> bus stops
- **Bike lanes** - Explore other possible bike lane & bike boulevard locations (i.e. West Cross - Wallace to west City limit as part of an Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor signed route along Cross/Packard, Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus & high accident locations)
- **Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through parks** – Work with City staff and Washtenaw County Parks to route the B2B from its present Rice Street route through Depot Town to take users into Riverside Park and access the newly constructed B2B segment
- **Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications** – Resubmit WFC and BFC. As part of process, work on Safe Routes To School and law enforcement tie-ins
- Committee event participation & education
 - Street sweeping – Encourage cyclists to report problems with debris through Click Fix
 - Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (first Sunday in May)
 - Safe Routes To School – Bike To School Day (first Wednesday of May)
 - Bike-Bus-Walk Week – (Bike To Work Week) – Mid-May
 - National Trails Day (1st Saturday of June)
 - Parkridge Summer Festival (last Saturday of August)
 - Michigan Trails Week (mid-September)
 - Safe Routes To School - Walk To School Day (first Wednesday of October)
 - DAY Halloween Festival (late October)
 - EMU events
 - Sidewalk snow removal
- Bike Friendly Business program – Continue to expand
- **Pedestrian safety signage** – Work with the City staff and MDOT (where appropriate) for pedestrian safety improvements...
 - Huron to West Cross (MDOT) - rumble strips & blinking “pedestrian crossing” light

- Hamilton/Michigan (MDOT) - “stop here on red” and “no turn on red” sign next to signal
- Huron/Pearl (MDOT) - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
- West Cross/Washington (MDOT) – enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
- Forest/Norris - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings
- Ypsi Food Co-op River Street – enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
- Washtenaw/College Place/Perrin (MDOT) - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings

What existing staff can do

- Sidewalk accessibility enforcement - – Vegetation overgrowth, poor pavement condition, snow removal
- **Border To Border Trail completion progress** – Work with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission on Ypsilanti B2B Completion Master Plan (Frog Island to EMU/Water Street to I-94 at Grove Road)
- **I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements** – Keep City residents informed of status updates

What Council can do (funding)

- **Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – North side of road from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt**
- **I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements** – Actions to prevent further delays on this critical safety project
- Sidewalks - North Huron Street – Jarvis north/northwest to LeForge (possible B2B route)
- **Bike lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest**
- Bike lanes - Create bike lanes West Cross and Miles
- Traffic calming – Incorporate into Complete Streets City planning for construction