

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm, November 7, 2019 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Helen Schulte, Lee Stimpson, Jared Walfish, Sarah Walsh, and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending the meeting was City Public Services Project Manager Bonnie Wessler.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made to approve the agenda by Lee, seconded by Helen, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Helen, seconded by Lee, passing unanimously.
 - c. Bylaws review - The Committee bylaws were reviewed with no conflicts or upcoming actions required.
 - d. Additional Committee member recruitment – The City Planning Commission did not meet in October so the confirmation of new Committee member Jenny Connolly will take place at the Commission's November 20th meeting. Bob will also place on the Committee's City web page, and on the Bike, Bus, Walk Ypsi web site (www.bbwypsi.org), the [Committee Member Duties and General Information sheet](#) for individuals interested in serving on the Committee.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2019 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update – Jared Talaga indicated he could not attend the meeting tonight but texted that he is nearly done with the update and will meet with Bonnie to finalize map data. Bob will request a draft copy to start text final editing.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - Top 10" list of curb cut needs and improvements – City controlled streets – Bob will send Committee members the data received from a social media request for curb cut deficiencies.
 - Site visits - Downtown, Depot Town, West Cross Street (Huron to water tower), Senior Center/Pool, Parkridge Center area – Bob will send out a request for volunteers to conduct site visits and record deficiencies.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, traffic calming
 - Mid-block pedestrian crossing signage of the Border To Border Trail on Cornell – New pedestrian/bike crossing signs were installed on Cornell but northbound traffic cannot see the sign easily due to vegetation growth on the east side of Cornell north of Collegewood. Bonnie will contact City Public Services about clearing the vegetation.
 - Permanent radar speed sign locations – Request went out on social media for suggested locations. Bob will forward collected data to Committee members.
 4. Bike Lanes – West Cross Street, repainting – West Cross Street is still on track for a 2021 reconstruction west of Wallace with traffic calming measures and bike lanes planned.

5. Communication – Meeting invitations (City Council, Mayor, etc.), quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter – Winter Committee newsletter will be out in December 2019. Public Services Department Director to be invited to a future meeting.
6. Non-Motorized City budget – Amount of funds for non-motorized projects, Committee involvement in disbursement decisions – Committee will forward 2020 priorities to the Planning Commission, including budget requests (i.e. funding for permanent radar speed control signs), after approval of priorities at it's December meeting.
7. Neighborhood Connectors (formerly "Bike Boulevards") potential projects – Discussed.
8. Border To Border Trail gap completion & improvements – Discussed.
9. Walk Friendly Community application / Bike Friendly Community reapplication for 2021 – Walk Friendly application will be submitted after Non-Motorized Plan update approved. Bike Friendly award expires in November 2021. Renewal application needs to be turned in either February or August of 2021.
10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion – Bob will send out social media item on sidewalk snow removal to all neighborhood groups after first snowfall of 2" or more.
11. Events – Downtown Halloween Festival (Very well received Committee table on 10/25 where wrist-lights, courtesy of AAATA, were given away), B2B night walk (Planned for a night prior to Halloween), Cold weather cycling talks – December 7 (downtown Library) and December 8 (Sunday Corner Brewery) – Bike Ypsi Holiday Lights ride on 12/17.
12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – City adopted ordinance in early 2019).

b. Parkridge bike repair station – City applying for grant.

c. Pedestrian Crossing Legislation – Michigan HB 4738 (Representative Ronnie Peterson) – Discussed.

5. New Business

a. Planning Department update – A public input meeting is planned soon for 2022 Huron/Hamilton/Washtenaw non-motorized projects.

b. 2020 Committee priorities – The Committee reviewed a draft 2020 priority list with recommended changes/additions/deletions given. Bob will revise the list and send it to the Committee for final approval at the Committee's December 6th meeting.

c. Other

- The City Council will hold a special meeting on road projects in the coming years at City Hall, 7pm on December 10th.
- The City Planning Commission will hold public input during their November 20th meeting on the West Cross road project (reference 4.a.4 in these minutes) and Border To Border Trail construction planned for 2020-21 in Frog Island and Grove Road.
- January Committee meeting – The January Non-Motorized Advisory Committee meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of January so not to conflict with the New Year's holiday period.

6. Other Items – Announcements – Next meeting – December 5th

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Helen, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.