

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2020, 7:00pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:08pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Jenny Connolly, Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Bob Krzewinski, and Helen Schulte (quorum met) . Also attending were City Public Services Department Project Manager Bonnie Wessler, City Planner Andy Aamodt, and City Council member Steve Wilcoxon.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – None.
3. General business
 - Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Echols; Seconded By: Committee Member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0.
 - Approval of September meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Schulte; Seconded By: Committee member Davis. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0.
 - Bylaws review - <https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/DocumentCenter/View/1329/Current-Non-Motorized-Transportation-Committee-Bylaws-Adopted-March-2016-PDF>
 - i Committee member terms ending (Sarah Walsh & Bob Krzewinski 12/31/2020) – A motion was offered by Committee member Davis; seconded by Committee member Schulte, to recommend to the Planning Commission that Committee member Krzewinski be reappointed to the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee for a two-year term of office beginning January 1, 2021 and ending January 31, 2023. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0.
 - ii Planning Commission January 2021 appointment of Committee Chair (2 year term) – Committee member Krzewinski reviewed the bylaws on this and noted that the Planning Commission will appoint a Committee Chair at their January 2021 meeting and a Chair recommendation should be forwarded to the Commission before that meeting.
 - Other - Committee member Echols noted continuing reports of motorist speeding affecting pedestrian safety and City Council actions on curbside pollinator gardens. Council member Wilcoxon noted that a big concern of Council was curbside gardens being so high that they obstruct motorists view of pedestrians and vice-versa.
4. Old & continuing business
 - 2020 Committee priorities
 - i. Non-Motorized Advisory Committee 2020-21 Priorities (see attachment – new language from 2020 Priorities highlighted italics) - A motion was made by Committee member Krzewinski, seconded by Committee member Schulte, to change the Committee's 2020 Priorities to 2020-2021 Committee priorities with the only change being to add "Sharrows" to item 4 (Bike Lanes). Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0.
 - ii. City Non-motorized Plan: Work Session – Committee member Davis gave an update on the Non-Motorized Plan update, reviewed the "Promote" section with Committee members and discussed possible format changes.
5. New Business
 - Other – None.
6. Other Items – Announcements – The next expected meeting of the Committee will be in December 2020
7. Adjournment - Offered By: Committee member Schulte; Seconded By: Committee Member Connolly: Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee 2020-21 Priorities

1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update.
2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements.
 - Create an annual City Curb Cut Priority List
 - Create a City Curb Cut deficiency list
3. Pedestrian Improvements – (Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon, traffic calming. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs)
 - Continue current efforts with MDOT on in-City State Route pedestrian improvements (i.e. Huron, West Cross, Washtenaw, Hamilton, Michigan).
 - Install permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at locations with a high incidence of speeding.
 - Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) demonstration project
4. Bike Lanes
 - West Cross Street
 - Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus
 - Spring repainting of existing bike lanes
 - *Sharrows at beginning and end of bike lanes*
5. Communication & Education
 - Invite Mayor, City Council, Planning/Sustainability Commission members, City Manager, Police Chief, Public Services Director to Committee meetings.
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter.
 - Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings.
 - Spring bicycle safety education program for both motorists and bicyclists
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee
 - Amplify public notice of Commission/City Council projects that impact non-motorized activities
6. Non-Motorized City budget – Determine yearly, non-motorized project funding amount available. Committee involvement in CIP review and non-motorized project funding disbursement decisions.
7. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic. Potential projects: Adams (Cross to Forest), Pearl (Hamilton to Mansfield), 2nd Avenue (Michigan to Watling).
8. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
 - Support City and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission efforts to complete the Trail through the City.
 - Install "State Law – Stop For Pedestrians In Crosswalk" signs at mid-block B2B Trail crossing of Cornell Street between Collegewood and Mayhew.
9. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Submit Walk Friendly Community application when Non-Motorized Plan update complete
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification (current BFC award expires in November 2021)
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive
10. Events & Community Outreach – B2B Trail walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU August Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Halloween safe trick-or-treating. Seek grants for helmet giveaways for events the Committee is at.
11. Safe Routes To School

