

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 2021, Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Dylan Goings, Helen Schulte and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met). Also attending was City Planner Andy Aamodt and Public Services Project Manager Bonnie Wessler.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input - No audience or public input.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded By: Committee member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0.
 - b. Approval of October 2021 meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded By: Committee member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0
 - c. Bylaws review – No officer elections in 2022. Next two Committee terms expiring were Mike Davis - July 31, 2022, Renee Echols - June 30, 2022.
 - d. New Committee member recruitment. – Committee member Davis will check with possible new Committee members at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and Committee member Krzewinski will check with contacts he has at EMU.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2021 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Discussion moved to agenda item 5.b.
 2. Pedestrian Improvements – The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) is expected to release their final Route Ypsilanti traffic calming demonstration project report soon.
 3. Bike Lanes – No new news
 4. Communication & Education
 - Fall Non-Motorized Committee newsletter. Next deadline – November 15, 2021
 - Snow removal from sidewalks – The City posted a sidewalk snow removal review in late October (<https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1492>) and the Committee will do a follow up after the first two-inch snow in the area.
 5. Neighborhood Connectors – Committee member Davis gave an update report on the project, including the map work of Committee volunteer Kai Le. Committee members will attempt a bike ride of the Connector route in November.
 6. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement. – Committee member Krzewinski will research possible lightweight barriers along the new Grove Road Border To Border Trail that would help prevent bicyclists from inadvertently falling into a traffic lane.
 7. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Bike Friendly Community – A December notification is expected on the City’s renewal application.
 - Walk Friendly Community application – Recently the online application was completely revised but the Committee is still expecting to submit a new application by the 12/15/2021 deadline. Committee member Krzewinski will coordinate the process.

8. Events & Community Outreach – A cold weather bicycle talk is still expected to take place.
 - b. MDOT 2022 Ypsilanti non-motorized projects
5. New Business
- a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – Bonnie Wessler gave an update on requesting additional Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons from MDOT as well as winter snow removal on the Grove Road bridge over I-94.
 - b. 2022 Committee priorities – Discussion was held on possible activities with Committee members encouraged to review a draft document and give their recommendations prior to the December 2021 Committee meeting.
6. Other Items – Announcements - Next meeting – 12/9/2021
7. Adjournment - Offered by: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded by: Committee member Schulte:
Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee 2022 Priorities Discussion

Reference November 2021 Agenda Item 5.b.

1. City Non-Motorized Plan
 - Vision Zero ordinance (City taking action to have zero-related traffic fatalities by a set date)
 - Improved pedestrian signals & crosswalk ordinance
 - Traffic calming and slowing motor vehicle traffic
 - Shifting modes of transportation more towards walking/bicycling
2. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon's, traffic calming, ordinance review. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs.
3. Bicyclist Improvements – Safety signage, road markings, protected bike lanes, sharrows.
4. Bike Lanes
 - Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus
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.
8. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
9. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Submit Walk Friendly Community application
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) – Review, and act on, suggested improvements. Work towards next layer of award (i.e. go from Bronze to Silver)
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive

10. Events & Community Outreach – Organized walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Halloween safe trick-or-treating.

11. Safe Routes To School