

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Note: **Bold items** on the agenda indicate a priority for this meeting.

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Dylan Goings, Jenny Rose Ryan and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met).
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded by; Committee Member Davis. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0.
 - b. Approval of June meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Davis; Seconded by; Committee Member Goings. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0.
 - c. Bylaws review – Revision of the Committee bylaws will go before the Planning Commission at their July 20th meeting for a vote of approval with Committee member Krzewinski attending to answer any questions. Also discussed was a document that in detail, covers the duties of the Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary along with other tasks (i.e. Facebook posting, meeting preparations, web page updating, etc.) of which Committee member Krzewinski will start working on.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2022 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan
 - **Vision Zero ordinance (City taking action to have zero-related traffic fatalities by a set date): Discussion held on initial steps on a Vision Zero program for the City of Ypsilanti. There was a real interest in applying for a Federal Safe Streets For All (SS4A) grant to help start and move along a Vision Zero plan for Ypsilanti - <https://visionzeronetWORK.org/resources/safe-streets-for-all-grants/>. Committee members Davis and Krzewinski will set up a meeting with Bonnie Wessler in Public Services for a meeting on this subject. Also, the County transportation planning agency, Washtenaw Area Traffic Study (WATS) may be able to give assistance. Committee members were also asked to review information on the Vision Zero Network web page (<https://visionzeronetWORK.org>) and sign up for their monthly newsletter (<https://visionzeronetWORK.org/get-involved/>).**
 - **Improved pedestrian signals & crosswalk ordinance - Accessible Pedestrian Signal – An APS signal for Lowell and Jarvis is being worked on by the City Public Services Department.**
 - 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 – Additional bike lanes, safety signage, road markings, protected bike lanes, sharrows:
 4. 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: **Draft Summer newsletter – Out early August.**
 - 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: May “Give Them Room” (3-foot passing a bicyclist by a motor vehicle driver).

- **Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) & snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee. Clear back the vegetation reminders will go out again before fall to all Facebook and NextDoor neighborhood groups.**
- Amplify public notice of Commission/City Council projects that impact non-motorized activities.

5. Non-Motorized City budget – Determine yearly, non-motorized project funding amount available. Committee involvement in CIP review and non-motorized project funding disbursement decisions.
6. **Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed streets "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic: Committee member Davis actively working on that project. Perhaps a fall bicycle tour on the route.**
7. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement: **Grove Road bridge curb safety improvements – Public Services painted the top edge of the pavement yellow and added (6) additional delineators evenly spaced across the bridge on the curb to make users aware of a pavement drop-off.**
8. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Walk Friendly Community (WFC) – Review, and act on, suggested improvements.
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 - Bike Friendly Business program drive.
9. Events & Community Outreach - organized walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Fall "Be Seen" campaign (cyclists and pedestrians wearing reflective clothing), Halloween safe trick-or-treating:
 - Reports - **Jazz In The Parking Lot (July 22, 6pm-9pm) – Committee unable to staff an information table but will try again in 2023.**
 - Upcoming - **EMU Bike Rodeo (August 6, 9am-12pm), EMU Convocation Center), Parkridge Festival (August 27, 12pm-2:30pm), Committee will have information table.**
10. Safe Routes To School – No new updates.

5. New Business

- a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – None.

6. Other Items

- Walk Friendly Community (WFC) road signs – While the organization that runs the WFC program does not sell road signs for cities that have been awarded WFC status, they will supply graphics for metal signs. Committee member Krzewinski will look into the matter of WFC road signs for Ypsilanti. Road Signs.
- Runner Friendly Community - Committee member Krzewinski will visit Ypsilanti Running Company and inquire if they are interested in helping with an application for Ypsilanti to become a Running Friendly Community (<https://www.rca.org/programs/runner-friendly-community/>)
- League of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Community - Equity Focus Group – Since the City of Ypsilanti is a Bike Friendly Community, Committee Chair Krzewinski received an invitation to participate in a Bicycle Friendly Community Equity Focus Group on July 26th.

7. Next meeting – 2nd Thursday August 11, 2022. Main floor meeting room reserved at downtown Michigan Avenue Library.

8. Adjournment - Offered By: Committee member Ryan; Seconded by: Committee Member Davis: Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.