

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, April 7, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, April 7, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary and Bob Krzewinski.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Tony, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of February meeting minutes – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the February meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports – Bob gave an update on briefing the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on Committee activities at their March 17th meeting, attending the City Planning Commission meeting on March 16th to talk about Committee by-laws changes and attending the April 5th City Council meeting to voice Committee support for the Michigan Avenue Border To Border Trail crossing as well as a proposed County road millage that also has 20% of funds going to non-motorized issues.
 - d. New Committee members – Bob indicated that DDA members Ben Harrington & Mark Teachout (acting as an alternate DDA Committee member) were interested in serving on the Committee.
4. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – A letter to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on Ferris/Hamilton curb cuts has been mailed and waiting a reply.
 - Bike lane additions – There will be a April 20 public meeting for a Forest Avenue bike lane between Prospect and Norris Streets, 7pm at the Depot Town Freighthouse.
 - Border To Border (B2B) Trail completion progress – City Council on April 5th approved a funding match for the Michigan Avenue HAWK crossing (expected to be completed by late summer). Lena Reeves attended the March 15th City Council meeting urging support for a B2B trail routing on the west side of the Depot Town Frog Island parking lot. Bob indicated the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission is planning on a field trip in May to the Grove Road area for a B2B connection to Ypsilanti Township. Also discussed was a reroute of the on-road B2B in the City if the Park Street railroad crossing is closed to traffic.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Subcommittees working on both applications.
 - Pedestrian safety signage – A letter to MDOT letter has been mailed waiting a reply.
 - Committee event participation & education – Bob will send out a message to Committee members for a volunteer to staff a Committee information table at the Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (May 1). Bob will also update the Bike Bus-Walk Week (May 15-21) activities for 2016 and forward it to Committee members.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – Bob will work on business visits.
 - Traffic calming – Bob met with Mark Teachout about drafting a letter to the City from the Committee urging traffic calming measures in Depot Town.
 - b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No updates.
 - c. Sidewalk snow removal – Bob will talk with the Mayor about a letter that could be posted at properties that are not shoveling sidewalks reminding them of the City ordinance requiring them to do so.
 - d. Non-motorized plan – Bonnie Wessler of the Planning Department is continuing to work on the update to the City Non-Motorized Plan.
 - e. Other – Bob will contact the AAATA on additional bike rack installations for the Transit Center improvements planned. Tony gave an update on Eastern Michigan University (EMU) students performing traffic counts. Tony also gave an update on the City Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP), which will take place every fall, and the inclusion of non-motorized projects in the Plan.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Bob obtained an update from the Department prior to the meeting.
 - b. Other – Tony indicated that an EMU student is working on a map of all bike racks on the campus. Tony will also seek out interested EMU staff for a possible EMU bicycle group for staff and students. Bob will research a possible non-motorized plan for the campus.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, May 5, 7pm at the downtown Library.

