

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, June 2, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Bob Krzewinski, Lena Reeves and Sarah Walsh.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to accept the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports – Bob reported that Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission staff are looking at doing a second printing of the County bike map.
 - d. New Committee members – Ben Harrington, a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) member, agreed to be a liaison to the DDA (but not a Committee member at this time).
4. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – MDOT Ferris/Hamilton improvements, Washtenaw EMU HAWK – There has been no action by MDOT yet on curb cuts on Ferris/Hamilton and if no action is taken by August Bob will contact MDOT again. The work on the Washtenaw Avenue MDOT HAWK (High intensity Activated crosswalk) signal should start in June.
 - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane Planning Commission meeting – The Forest Avenue bike lane (Prospect to River) is expected to be on the Planning Commission July 20th agenda.
 - Border To Border (B2B) Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island, Park Street route, Grove Road – The Michigan Avenue HAWK B2B signal will be going out for bid in early June. The City, with a donation from the Friends of the B2B Trail recently installed a missing curb cut where the new Water Street B2B Trail meets Grove Road. With the imminent closing of Park Street at the railroad crossing, a motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to recommend to the City of Ypsilanti that the B2B Trail on-road routing be moved to a route of (north to south) Cross Street south to River Street to east on North Street to south on Park Street to Michigan Avenue. The motion passed unanimously with the understanding that a permanent off-road routing of the B2B should be completed as soon as possible from Frog Island Park south to Grove Road using Riverside Park and the Water Street area.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Work is continuing on both applications with Sarah putting the Walk Friendly application into a Google document. Bob also reported on the visit to Ypsilanti by a League of American Bicyclists staff member to give suggestions on the Bike Friendly application.

- Pedestrian safety signage – MDOT letter request status - There has been no action by MDOT yet on this issue and if no action is taken by August Bob will contact MDOT again.
 - Committee event participation & education – Bob gave a report on Bike-Bus-Walk Week activities and reported that the Committee has table space at the Parkridge Festival (8/27) and will need help staffing from noon to 2:30pm, especially with free bike helmet giveaways donated by the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – No update.
 - Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No update.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – No update.
 - c. Non-motorized plan – Bob has been meeting on a regular basis with Bonnie Wessler of the Planning Department with a completed draft plan expected to go to the Planning Commission for approval at its July 20th meeting and then to City Council for its approval in August.
 - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – Tony will obtain and forward to the Committee a copy of the latest CIP plan. The Committee discussed making sure that the CIP had critical curb cuts and sidewalk improvements in the plan.
 - e. Other – Sarah reported that Eastern Michigan University IESS Department is conducting a bike sharing program survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9BT9BW>). Lena and Martha discussed additional videos showing problems pedestrians/wheelchair users have in the City as certain crossings (Huron at Pearl and Cross at Washington were suggested). Bob will follow up with Ben about DDA reinstalling in a safer location the Depot Town bike racks that were apparently knocked down by cars.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Bob called Bonnie Wessler earlier in the week with items discussed incorporated into the Committee meeting conversations.
 - b. 2017 City budget non-motorized project recommendations – Bob will check with City Council member Pete Murdock on non-motorized funds available for 2017 and when a priority list of non-motorized projects would be needed by. Lena will work on a “top-10” list of sidewalk/curb cut improvements needed.
 6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
 7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Lena, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, July 7th, 7pm at the downtown Library.