

## Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 7, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, July 7, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were 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 Martha, seconded by Sarah, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
  - b. Approval of June meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to accept the minutes, passing unanimously.
  - c. Officer reports – Bob reported that the County Commissioners, at their July 6 meeting, agreed to place on the November ballot a 4-year tax millage for roads but with 20% of the funds going for non-motorized projects. Bob also reported that the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission is looking at a new County bike map order since the original printing is getting depleted. Bob will also talk to Tony Bedogne about coming up with an 8 ½” x 11” PDF version for printing using the Ypsilanti map on the County bike map.
  - d. New Committee members - Bob will recommend to the Planning Commission that Cathie Kinzel be appointed to the Committee at their July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Martha also will soon be on the Downtown Development Authority giving another liaison to that group from the Committee.
4. Old business
  - a. 2016 Committee priorities
    - Sidewalks – MDOT Ferris/Hamilton improvements, Washtenaw EMU HAWK – Bob will contact MDOT in August if no action appears imminent on Ferris/Hamilton curb cuts. The EMU HAWK signal work has started.
    - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane Planning Commission meeting – The Forest Avenue bike lane (Prospect To River) will be on the agenda for the July 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting with all Committee members urged to attend.
    - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island, Park Street route, Grove Road – Bidding on the Michigan Avenue HAWK project is underway. Bob is working with the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission on re-routing (with signage) the B2B Trail on River Street to North Street in light of the imminent closing of Park Street at the railroad tracks.
    - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Tony Bedogne will have a working session on the Bike Friendly application on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm at B-24s Café.

- Pedestrian safety signage – MDOT letter request status - Bob will contact MDOT in August if no action appears imminent on Ferris/Hamilton curb cuts. Committee members also were strongly in favor of new pedestrian yield signs at the Elm/Congress crosswalk.
  - Committee event participation & education –Parkridge Festival (8/27), Federal High Way Administration (FHWA) local safety education program – Volunteers needed for the helmet give-away at the Parkridge Festival from noon to 2:30pm with Bob coordinating. No new updates on a FHWA safety program.
  - Bike Friendly Business program – No new updates.
  - Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No new updates.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – This project seems to be moving again through the work of the County transportation-planning agency, WATS. With this in mind, a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Martha, that “The City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee urges the City Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council to support overdue and needed non-motorized improvements to the Huron Street overpass of I-94. The motion passed unanimously. Bob will also contact the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority to see if any special incentives can be enacted for cyclists to use the bus bike racks to traverse Huron Street from the City to the Township.
  - c. Non-motorized plan – Bonnie Wessler is actively working on this with a draft plan expected to go before the City Planning Commission in August.
  - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – No update.
  - e. 2017 City budget non-motorized project recommendations – The Committee will set recommendations after the August 2<sup>nd</sup> election ballot takes place as how the Water Street millage request fares could determine actual funding for 2017 non-motorized projects.

## 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. Police Chief meeting report – Bob gave an overview of his recent meeting with the Ypsilanti Police Chief on non-motorized issues and will forward notes to the Committee about meeting details.
- c. MDOT ADA curb cut priorities – City Council member Pete Murdock is attempting to set up a meeting with MDOT on non-motorized improvements in the City and requested assistance identifying deficiencies, especially curb cuts, on MDOT jurisdiction streets. The Committee assigned streets to survey and will plan to wrap up the survey by the Committee’s August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 6. Other Items – Announcements – A deterioration of walking paths in Recreation Park was discussed.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, August 4th, 7pm at the downtown Library.

