

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, August 4, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Cathie Kinzel, 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 Cathie, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of July meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Cathie, to accept the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports - Safe Routes To School training will take place in Ann Arbor on August 23rd and attended by Sarah, Martha Cleary and Bob.
 - d. New Committee members – At its July 20th meeting, Cathie was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission to serve on the Committee
4. Old business
 - a. 2016 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalks – MDOT Ferris/Hamilton improvements, Washtenaw EMU HAWK – On the lack of Ferris curb cuts, instead of a letter to MDOT asking for an update, the Committee will work with City Council member Pete Murdock in bringing this, and other MDOT related non-motorized deficiencies, at a meeting with MDOT that Pete is working on. On the EMU HAWK light, ground work appears complete but no light poles have been installed.
 - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane – Final approval for the gap between River Street and Prospect Road may go before City Council on August 16th. Bob will confirm this as soon as possible.
 - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island, Park Street route, Grove Road – The Water Street Border To Border Trail may reopen in October after remediation work for contaminants is completed. The Michigan Avenue HAWK crossing light (Water Street Trail to Riverside Park) may be starting construction in August. Signs should also be erected in August for the Border To Border Trail on-road re-route due to the closing of Park Street at the railroad tracks.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Sarah reported the Walk Friendly application continues to make progress and Tony Bedogne held a working session recently on the Bike Friendly application.
 - Pedestrian safety signage – MDOT letter request status - See 4.a item “Sidewalks”.
 - Committee event participation & education – Parkridge Festival (8/27), FHWA local safety education program – Bob needs help passing out bicycle helmets at the Parkridge Festival on August 27th from noon until 3pm and will send out an email reminder to Committee members.
 - Bike Friendly Business program – No new updates.

- Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – A letter from the Committee addressing the need for a stop sign at Congress and Normal Streets (as well as other traffic calming measures on Congress) was sent to the City Manager who has since resigned. Bob will send out the original letter to Committee members for possible revisions with the thought that a new letter can go to the Planning Commission and City Council.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – Bob received an email from the Washtenaw Area Traffic Study (WATS – the County transportation planning agency) stating that they are trying to use their influence with MDOT to keep this project “active”.
 - c. Non-motorized plan – Bonnie Wessler in the City Planning Department is continuing to work on the update.
 - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – No update.
 - e. 2017 City budget non-motorized project recommendations – With the defeat of the Water Street millage on August 2nd, funding for non-motorized projects in the City could be drastically cut although Michigan’s Act 51 states that at least 1% of the road funds the City receives from the State must be used for non-motorized projects. Also Bob will email out to Committee members the City Council budget formulation calendar which gives important dates for giving input to Council on Committee priorities.
 - f. MDOT Meeting & ADA curb cut priorities – Bob is working on a combined document of MDOT non-motorized facilities in the City (i.e. curb cuts, pedestrian signage, etc.) that need improvement
 - g. Other
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – No update.
 - b. City Council support for Michigan cyclist protection legislation (5-foot passing & vulnerable user - <http://bikeleague.org/TakeAction?vvsrc=/campaigns/46978/respond>) – Bpb will start exploring if City Council would support such statewide legislation.
 - c. Other – Lena informed the Committee members that pedestrian sidewalk markings at Hamilton/Michigan and Hamilton/Harriet have been removed. Bob will call Stan Kirton in City Public Services and see if they will be replaced.
 6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
 7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Cathie, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, September 1st, 7pm at the downtown Library.

City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee
2016 Priorities

1. Sidewalks

- Sidewalk accessibility education & enforcement – Vegetation overgrowth, poor pavement condition, snow removal
 - Handicapped access problem points - Hamilton/Ferris curb cuts
 - Prioritize major sidewalk deficiencies – MDOT streets > major streets > schools > bus stops
 - Washtenaw Avenue – North side of road from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt
 - North Huron Street – Jarvis north/northwest to LeForge
2. Bike lane additions
 - Create bike lanes in 2016 on Forest, West Cross and Miles.
 - Explore other possible bike lane & bike boulevard locations (i.e. Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus & high accident locations)
 3. Border To Border Trail completion progress
 - Route the B2B from its present Rice Street route though Depot Town to take users into Riverside Park and access the newly constructed B2B segment.
 - Formulate a conceptual plan for the Frog Island Part to Eastern Michigan University segment
 4. Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – Resubmit WFC by June/December 2016 and BFC by August 2016. As part of process work on Safe Routes To School and law enforcement.
 5. Pedestrian safety signage
 - Huron to West Cross - rumble strips & blinking “pedestrian crossing” light
 - Hamilton/Michigan - “stop here on red” and “no turn on red” sign next to signal
 - Huron/Pearl - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
 - West Cross/Washington – enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
 - Forest/Norris - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings
 - Ypsi Food Co-op River Street – enhanced pedestrian crossing signs
 - Washtenaw/College Place/Perrin - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings
 6. Committee event participation & education
 - Street sweeping – Encourage cyclists to report problems with debris through Click Fix
 - Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (first Sunday in May)
 - Safe Routes To School – Bike To School Day (first Wednesday of May)
 - Bike-Bus-Walk Week – (Bike To Work Week) – May 15-21, 2016
 - National Trails Day (1st Saturday of June)
 - Parkridge Summer Festival (last Saturday of August)
 - Michigan Trails Week (mid-September)
 - Safe Routes To School - Walk To School Day (first Wednesday of October)
 - DAY Halloween Festival (late October)
 - EMU events
 - Sidewalk snow removal
 7. Bike Friendly Business program – Continue to expand
 8. Traffic calming – Incorporate into Complete Streets City planning for construction