

## Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, September 1, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Cathie Kinzel, Bob Krzewinski, Lena Reeves and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
  - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
  - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
  - b. Approval of August meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Cathy, to accept the minutes, passing unanimously.
  - c. Officer reports - Incorporated into agenda item reports.
  - d. New Committee members - It was noted that Sarah, Cheryl Weber and Bob's term expires 1/31/17. New Committee member leads can be forwarded on to Bob.
4. Old business
  - a. 2016 Committee priorities
    - Sidewalks – MDOT letter follow-up, Ferris/Hamilton improvements, Washtenaw EMU HAWK – Bob will send another letter to MDOT for any updates on Ferris/Hamilton curb cuts. The EMU HAWK (**H**igh-Intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk **K** beacon) had signal lights installed and should be active shortly.
    - Bike lane additions – Forest Avenue bike lane – Approved by City Council on 8/20 with more news on actual painting pending a recalculation of budget funds by City Council in September.
    - Border To Border Trail completion progress – Water Street Michigan Avenue HAWK, Frog Island, Park Street route, Grove Road – The Michigan Avenue HAWK light has completed a construction bidding process with work expected to begin in September. The Water Street B2B Trail is expected to reopen fully by October after contaminates remediation and fencing. Bob will contact the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission about a potential master plan for completing Ypsilanti section B2B gaps. Signs for the on-street B2B reroute (due to the closing of Park Street at the railroad tracks) should be up by mid-September.
    - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications – Deadlines: Walk Friendly 12/15/2016 – Bike Friendly 2/9/2017
    - Pedestrian safety signage – Bob will send another letter to MDOT for any updates.
    - Committee event participation & education – Parkridge Festival (8/27), FHWA local safety education program, Halloween downtown festival – The Parkridge Festival went very well with Common Cycle keeping busy with bike repairs and the Committee information table giving away 50 bike helmets donated by the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. No new news on the FHWA safety program. Bob has made contact with at AAATA on blinky-light give-aways for our annual safe trick-or-treating table at the 10/27 downtown Halloween festival.

- Bike Friendly Business program – No new updates.
  - Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – Pete is looking into the City purchasing electronic speed signs (i.e. You Are Doing XX – The Speed Limit is XX) for traffic calming on Forest, Cross, Pearl and other streets. Also, the City Council will have a second reading of designated truck routes in the City at the next Council meeting (9/6) and Bob will attend supporting this action on behalf of the City.
- b. I-94/Huron – Huron/Hamilton non-motorized improvements – Pete Murdock reported that a meeting was held between City staff, MDOT and the Washtenaw Area Traffic Study (WATS) on 8/31 about Huron/Hamilton/I-94 overpass traffic calming and non-motorized improvements. Another meeting is planned for 9/16 with possible work being completed between 2019 and 2022. Bob will monitor City Council agendas for a resolution of support for Huron/Hamilton/I-94 overpass traffic calming and non-motorized improvements.
  - c. Non-motorized plan – Bonnie Wessler in City Planning actively working on the Plan update.
  - d. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – Tony will send out a copy of the current CIP plan to all Committee members as well as coming up with a timeline for annual CIP additions.
  - e. 2017 City budget non-motorized project recommendations – Pete agreed that November would be a prime time to recommend non-motorized projects to Council for the upcoming calendar year since November is the month that Council has a goal-setting session.
  - f. MDOT Meeting & ADA curb cut priorities – Tony will work with EMU students on coming up with a map on curb cut locations and deficiencies.
  - g. City Council support for Michigan cyclist protection legislation (5-foot passing & vulnerable user - <http://bikeleague.org/TakeAction?vvsrc=/campaigns/46978/respond>) – Bob will work with Pete on action to have City Council pass a resolution of support for a statewide vulnerable user law.
  - h. Other – Tony will work on an 8-1/2 x 11 PDF document of the current Ypsilanti bike map on the countywide bicycle map.
5. New Business
- a. Planning Department update – Bob contacted Bonnie Wessler prior to the meeting and incorporated her comments into agenda items of the meeting.
  - b. Safe Routes To School training session report – Sarah and Bob attended SRTS training in Ann Arbor on 8/23. Bob will contact Estabrook School about possible Walk To School Day activity on 10/6.
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 8:27pm with the next meeting being held Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the downtown Library.