

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 3, 2018

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Bob Krzewinski and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was Planning Commission member Jared Talaga.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Bob, to accept the agenda passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of April meeting minutes - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Bob, to accept the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Jared Talaga is interested in serving as a member of the Committee and also the Planning Commission liaison to the Committee. Bob will forward the recommendation to serve to the Planning Commission for consideration at it's May meeting.
 - d. June meeting date – Bob will be out of town on the 1st Thursday of June and requested the June meeting date be moved to the 2nd Thursday (June 14) with no objections.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) initial actions – No update.
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit) – Taking in account the proceedings of the Committee resolution on this subject. Bob will invite Planning Commission Chair Heidi Jugenitz to the June meeting to clarify requests from the Committee to the Commission as well as having a City Council member officially being a designated liaison to the Committee (a role Council member Pete Murdock had been doing unofficially).
 2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw update public update program – No update. Committee members assisted the County Office of Community & Economic Development in performing pedestrian counts on Washtenaw Avenue in April to be used for potential mid-block pedestrian crossings.
 3. General projects
 - Non-Motorized Plan update completion – Jared has worked on other City non-motorized plan and is willing to help with the update of the Ypsilanti update. Bob will coordinate meeting times with Bonnie Wessler.
 - I-94 Huron Street crossing (along with traffic calming on Huron-Hamilton-Washtenaw) - involves MDOT jurisdiction areas – No new updates.

- Border To Border Trail completion – Bob reported that the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission Easter County B2B Task force has not met lately, that it is still unknown when the Water Street segment may open, that there is a move to save the current Recycling Center in the Rice Street parking lot for a canoe/kayak livery and that City Council will plan to have hearings on the repaving of the Rice Street parking lot that will include possible B2B routing along the far western side of the lot. Bob also had attended the May 1st City Council meeting making a statement to push for B2B Trail consideration when the Rice Street parking lot is repaved.
- Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly applications follow up
 - BFC signage – BFC street signs have been installed by City Public Services. Bob will check with Martha on the DDA funding a City Hall BFC sign.
 - WFC reapplication – A December reapplication will be considered pending the completion of the Non-Motorized Plan update.
- Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal) – No update.
- Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings) – No update.
- Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area

b. Other – Bob spoke in favor of the Parkridge bike share program administered by Eastern Michigan University at the April 17th City Council meeting.

5. New Business

a. Planning Department update – No update.

b. Parkridge Park – Bob secured a donation of 50 bicycle helmets from the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society for distribution at a Committee table at the August Parkridge Festival.

c. Other

- Give way to pedestrian signs not yet installed on Congress at Elm Street. Bob will follow up.
- Grants – The AARP Community Challenge grant will not be applied for this year.
- City Planning Commission May 16 meeting – Bob will review Committee priorities for inclusion into the City's Capitol Improvement Plan.
- City Budge Meetings – May 15/17/22
- City Transportation Meeting – Tony had been attending these and Bob will work with Pete Murdock on having another Committee member attend these since Tony will be moving out of the City.
- Bob will run a Bike To Work Day (May 18) Commuter Challenge table at Beezy's on Washington Street from 7am to 9am.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment –A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm with the next meeting being Thursday, June 14th, 2018 at the downtown Library.

