

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm, Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Bob Krzewinski, Jared Talaga and Sarah Walsh. This meeting is considered a joint June/July with no Committee meeting scheduled for July.
2. Introductions - Audience participation- Public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to approve the May minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Jared will search for Committee volunteers through his contacts. Bob will search out volunteers through the local bicycling community.
 - d. Committee resignation – A message was received from Martha Cleary that she needed to resign from the Committee but enjoyed being a part of this group. Bob will forward the resignation on to the Planning Commission Chair.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects - A general discussion was held on bike lane projects.
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) initial actions
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit)
 2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw update public update program – No new update.
 3. General projects
 - Non-Motorized Plan update completion – Review of work needed on the Plan was done. Sarah will work on text revision to Chapters 2/3/4, Jared will work on Chapters 5/6/7, Bob will work on Chapters 1/8/9 and preface and communicate with updates by email. The group will meet on Wednesday, July 11, 10am at B-24's downtown with Bonnie Wessler of the Planning Department to review updates to the Plan. Also, additional public input sessions, once the draft plan is close to completion, were discussed.
 - 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 – No update on the B2B Water Street opening. The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission has an Ypsilanti area B2B completion public input survey out. The Friends of the B2B Trail has ordered a bike repair stand for the B2B bridge over the Huron River at the south approach plaza area.
 - Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly applications follow up – Walk Friendly application will be submitted after the Non-Motorized Plan is updated. Bob will check with the DDA about a Bike Friendly Community sign for the City Hall entrance.

- Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal) – The Michigan legislature just passed a 3-foot minimum distance for motorists to pass a bicyclist and is awaiting the Governor's signature. Once this becomes State law the Committee will use its communications channels to educate City residents.
- Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings)
- Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area – Permanent radar speed signs were discussed as a possible 2019 Committee priority.

b. Parkridge Festival – Sarah and Bob will be at the Committee table (August 25, noon to 2:30pm) passing out information and free helmets. Bob will contact the Ypsi Bike Co-Op for a possible repair service area there. Bike light give-aways were also discussed for this, and other, events with Jared looking into possible local grants.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update - No new updates.
- b. Sharrows/Bike Route Signs (Hamilton/Congress/Summit) – Sharrows on Hamilton are supposed to be removed and Bob will monitor the removal.
- c. Local education – New motorist passing law discussed in item 4.a.3 above.
- d. EMU August bike event – The EMU Police Department will have a general community bike expo (helmet give-away, bike tune ups, safety classes, etc.) on August 11th. Bob will help with publicity.
- e. Other – The lack of proper disabled parking areas (which also allow a vehicle side door ramp to be used) at City parks was discussed, such as in Riverside Park. Jared had talked with City Council member Pete Murdock about this problem and this item will be discussed again at the next Non-Motorized meeting.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the next meeting being Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the downtown Library.