

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, August 1, 2019

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, August 1, 2019 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Helen Schulte, Lee Stimpson, Jared Walfish, Sarah Walsh and Bob Krzewinski. Also, City Planner Bonnie Wessler attended the meeting.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Helen, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of June meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Helen, to approve the June minutes (there was no July meeting), passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment - Lee Stimpson and Jared Walfish were both approved unanimously at the July 17th Planning Commission meeting for two-year terms on the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2019 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Jared Talaga could not make the meeting tonight but texted he is working on the Plan update and could meet with Bob and Bonnie next week.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - Top 10” list of curb cut needs and improvements – Bob circulated a list of curb cuts received through social media outreach. Another outreach effort will be made asking for curb cut input specifically on City-controlled streets versus Michigan Department of Transportation jurisdiction roads (Huron, Hamilton, Michigan, Washtenaw). A “top 10” list will be forwarded to City Public Services in the early fall for possible 2020 action.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements
 - Permanent radar speed signs – Bob will send out a notice on social media asking input on where permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs (i.e. “The speed limit is XXmph and your speed is XXmph”) could be installed.
 - Discussed was the need for a speed limit sign on eastbound Cross approaching Depot Town and mid-block pedestrian crossing signage (indicating motorists must stop for pedestrians) of the Border To Border Trail on Cornell between Mayhew & Collegewood. Bonnie will look into this signage.
 4. Bike Lanes – A Ypsi Connect (click fix) input has gone in to repaint faded bike lanes on W. Cross Street, College Place and Forest. Also discussed was a desire to have bike lanes repainted in the spring so as to be effective during prime bicycling months.
 5. Communication – Bob will work on a draft quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter in time for the next meeting.
 6. Non-Motorized City budget – Not discussed.
 7. Bike Boulevards – Bob discussed this concept of select, low-traffic-count streets that connect areas of the City that bicyclists and pedestrians could be encouraged to use. A good example would be Adams Street from Forest south to Harriet Street. Bob will email more information to Committee members.
 8. Border To Border Trail gap completion & improvements – Bonnie gave an update on Ypsilanti B2B work scheduled to start next year (Frog Island and Grove Trail improvements).
 9. Walk Friendly Community application – Will be applied for once the Non-Motorized Plan is updated.
 10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut snow & vegetation removal promotion – Social media request was made in July to neighborhoods to make sure sidewalks are accessible and not obscured by vegetation.
 11. Events – Bob was planning to set up a City Non-Motorized Committee/Border To Border Trail information table at the EMU Bike Rodeo on August 3rd. The Committee will have a table at the Parkridge Festival on August 24 (Saturday) from 12pm to 3pm. Other events where the Committee could do outreach are the Bike Ypsi Taco Tour (9/15) & Fall Ride, the downtown Halloween Festival (October 25) with possibly a B2B Trail walk on 10/25 after dark.
 12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – Complete (ordinance passed earlier in the year).

- b. Parkridge bike repair station – An AARP grant request for a repair station at the Parkridge Community Center was not approved but Bob will contact the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition to see if they would still be willing to put up a 50% match (\$800) if other funding sources can be found (Bonnie and Lee noted some possible options such as Park Bicycle Tools and the City Parks & Recreation Commission). Also, Bob will send out a list of [approved AARP grant requests](#) so as to give ideas for future possible AARP grant requests.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Bonnie gave an update of the MDOT Huron/Hamilton/Washtenaw repaving project (with non-motorized improvements) and while construction is planned for 2022, public input sessions are planned locally in late summer/early fall. Also, Bonnie has been working with the DDA to expand the number of bike racks in the business districts.
- b. Pedestrian Crossing Legislation – Discussed was [Michigan HB 4738](#) introduced by Representative Ronnie Peterson. It was noted that this proposed legislation is similar to a defeated City of Ann Arbor ordinance proposal that would have scaled back current pedestrian crossing laws. Bob will gather more information about the ordinance and possibly meet with Representative Peterson.
- c. Other – The City has a new Public Services Director, Ron Akers.

6. Other Items – Announcements – Next meeting – September 5th.

- 7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Saran, seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 5, 7pm at the downtown Library.