

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2019

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm, September 5, 2019 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Dylan Goings, Helen Schulte, Lee Stimpson, Jared Talaga, 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 August meeting minutes - A motion was made by Helen, seconded by Sarah, to approve the August minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Additional members always welcome.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2019 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update Jared Talaga will be working with Bonnie to complete a draft document. A review was done on the process of completing the Plan, in that it would be approved by the Committee, then on to Planning Commission and City Council approval. Thought was given to one more public input session on the Plan prior to a Planning Commission meeting.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - “Top 10” list of curb cut needs and improvements – Bob sent out another request on social media for public input for curb cut priorities not involving Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) controlled streets (Hamilton/Huron/Washtenaw). It was also noted that in August, City Council approved approximately \$50,000 for curb cut work for the remainder of 2019 (streets affected are in the Committee Fall Newsletter). Jared Walfish requested the southwest corner of Whittier and Bellevue be included in the list.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, traffic calming
 - Permanent radar speed signs – The Committee reviewed possible locations of permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed sign including southbound Prospect at Holmes, westbound Cross approaching Depot Town, eastbound Washtenaw at Normal Lowell Street and Mansfield Street near the school. Bob will gather public input through the Committee’s Facebook page.
 - Speed limit sign on eastbound Cross approaching Depot Town. Bonnie indicated this sign was ordered and should be installed soon.
 - Mid-block pedestrian crossing signage of the Border To Border Trail on Cornell between Collegewood and Mayhew - Bonnie indicated this sign was ordered and should be installed soon.

4. Bike Lanes – West Cross Street (Wallace west to City limit) still on track for a road diet, bike lanes, vehicle parking on the south side and a center turn lane at Mansfield in this planned 2021 project. Bob also turned in a request to City Public Services for repainting existing bike lanes.
5. Communication – A draft quarterly Fall Non-Motorized Committee Newsletter was distributed for review with Bob making changes with Bonnie helping review the final document for accuracy. The Newsletter will be promoted using the Committee’s Facebook page, a link on the Mayor’s newsletter and other avenues.
6. Non-Motorized City budget – Bonnie reviewed the City budget process, including the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Roughly the City sets aside \$50,000 yearly for non-motorized items. Bonnie recommended the Committee have it’s 2020 goals/projects completed by November as the CIP process begins in October and/or November and the City budget process begins in January. .
7. Neighborhood Connectors (formerly “Bike Boulevards”) – Local streets, with lower traffic volume where pedestrians, the disabled and bicyclists are encouraged. – Bob will send out an information sheet to Committee members.
8. Border To Border Trail – No new updates. Frog Island and Grove Road should still be seeing construction in 2020.
9. Walk Friendly Community application – Will be submitted after Non-Motorized Plan update is completed. Note: Bike Friendly Community award up for renewal in November 2021.
10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion – Bob will send out another request to trim back vegetation over sidewalks.
11. Events – Parkridge Festival (8/24) the Committee bike/walk information table, and free bike helmets, were well received. Downtown Halloween Festival (10/25-5:30 to 7pm) – Bob will attend with Committee table & AAATA-donated wrist lights. Border To Border Trail night walk possibly the end of October. Bob will give cold weather biking talks in November and December.
12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – Completed in early 2019.
 - b. Parkridge bike repair station – Bob will reapply with the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition for a matching grant for a repair station. Bonnie, Lee and Bob will be researching other grant opportunities.
 - c. Pedestrian Crossing Legislation – Michigan HB 4738 (Representative Ronnie Peterson) – No update.
 - d. Other - Bob discussed adding sharrows where bike lanes end/begin.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Contained in agenda items above.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Dylan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 7pm at the downtown Library.