

## Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at Bigby's Coffee, 1510 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti. Committee members attending was Sarah Walsh, Jared Talaga and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was Mayor Beth Bashert, Helen Schulte and Dylan Goings.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – A discussion was held with Mayor Bashert with the following notations...
  - A meeting will be set up with the Mayor, Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair, and Non-Motorized Advisory Commission Chair, to discuss making sure that non-motorized projects have proper input by respective City entities as well as making more transparent non-motorized funds and disbursements.
  - The Mayor and Committee will work together on media work dealing with safe bicycling education in the spring and sidewalk snow removal in the late fall.
  - Revisiting curb cut priorities and taking in input from the area's disabled community, possibly through public input sessions.
  - Promoting greater communications though possibly starting regular "Walk & Talk With The Mayor" walks as well as "wheelchair tours" (possibly done in conjunction with the Ypsilanti-based Program To Educate All Cyclists – PEAC) to give able-bodied people a chance to experience problems that wheelchair users encounter.
3. General business
  - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
  - b. Approval of December meeting minutes – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to approve the December meeting minutes passing unanimously.
  - c. Committee Bylaws – Committee Chair recommendation to Planning Commission – With no other Committee members interested in the position, a motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to recommend to the Planning Commission that Bob be reappointed to another two-year term as Committee Chair, passing unanimously. Bob will forward the action to the Planning Commission for action.
  - d. Additional Committee member recruitment – Bob will provide the Mayor with a news items for the Mayors Newsletter asking for volunteers to serve on the Committee.
  - e. Other – Bylaws – Sarah will document possible revisions to the Committee bylaws by the next Committee meeting.
4. Old & continuing business
  - a. 2019 Committee priorities
    1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Jared will be working on the latest draft Plan revision over the next few weeks.
    2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements – City Planner Bonnie Wessler noted that there is a curb cut inventory already completed and Jared will work on a program where area residents

can document where existing curb cuts are deficient or locations where new curb cuts are very much needed.

3. Pedestrian Improvements – For the upcoming City budget revisions, the Commission urges that the City again consider establishing traffic calming procedures (such as speed bumps) and purchase permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at select locations (i.e. southbound Prospect Road at Holmes, westbound Cross Street approaching Depot Town).
  4. Bike Lanes – In talking with City staff, it is the Committee's understanding that the West Cross Street repaving will include a road diet taking bike lanes further west beyond the Mansfield Street intersection. Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus
  5. Communication – Future Committee meeting invitations will include City Council members.
  6. Non-Motorized City budget – Discussed earlier in the meeting with the Mayor. Also, Bob will forward a City budget timeline to Committee members.
  7. Bike Boulevards – Discussion held on the concept of encouraging pedestrians and bicyclists to use quieter streets that can be improved for such use with low-cost resources. Also, a more fitting name may be "People Friendly Streets".
  8. Border To Border Trail – Work is expected to begin in 2019 for improvements to Frog Island, Riverside Park and Grove Road.
  9. Walk Friendly Community application – Expected to be sent in once the City Non-Motorized Plan update is completed.
  10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut snow removal promotion – Once a significant snow event takes place, Bob will send out a notice to area residents using Facebook and NextDoor social media reminding residents of sidewalk snow removal laws. Sarah will assist if necessary.
  11. Events – A Border To Border (B2B) Trail walk was held by the Friends of the B2B Trail on New Year's Day with nearly 30 people showing. Bob is still planning on having a cold weather cycling talk this winter. Bike helmet grants will be researched for the August Parkridge Festival where the Committee traditionally has a table.
  12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – A City hearing notice was posted, then withdrawn, on a City scooter policy. The Committee sees a real need for the City to adopt some type of ordinance regarding electric bikes/scooters and Dylan Goings will research "best practices" ordinances other cities have enacted.
- b. Committee Annual Report – A motion was made by Jared, seconded by Sarah, to approve the draft 2018 Annual Report, passing unanimously. Bob will forward the document to the Planning Commission.
  - c. Other – Jared has given "winter wheelchairs" talks and will forward data to Bob for Committee publication to area residents.

## 5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update
- b. Other

- New Committee Members – Both Helen Schulte and Dylan Goings indicated they are willing to serve on the Committee. With no objections from Committee members, their names will be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval to serve.

- Joint Meetings discussion was held on possible joint meetings of the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee and the Parks & Recreation Commission, or Committee/Commission members sitting in on each other's meetings.
6. Other Items – Announcements – Next meeting – No announcements. For the next meeting Bob will be out of town for a number of weeks in January and February so no February meeting will be held.
  7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 7pm at the downtown Library