

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue – Main Floor Meeting Room

Agenda

Note: **Bold items** on the agenda indicate a priority for this meeting.

1. Call to order - Meeting start time 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Dylan Goings, Jenny Rose Ryan and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met). City planner Holli Andrews also in attendance.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input: New meeting attendee Jessi Kwek expressed interest in joining the committee.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Motion by CM Davis, seconded by CM Goings, all approved
 - b. December meeting minutes - No quorum in December so there was no official meeting and no minutes to approve
 - c. Recommendation For Committee Chair To Planning Commission (Bylaws requirement) –
 1. Structure a. Officers – During January of every odd-numbered year, the Planning Commission shall appoint a Committee Chair, taking in account the recommendation of the Committee members, to serve a two-year term of office. In turn the newly appointed Committee Chair will select Committee Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve two-year terms of office.
Motion by CM Krzewinski to appoint Dylan Goings as the new Committee Chair, seconded by CM Davis, all approve.
 - d. Bylaws addition – Adding period of transition of new Committee Chair.
Motion – Change Bylaw 1. Structure a. Officers - During January of every odd-numbered year, the Planning Commission shall appoint a Committee Chair, taking in account the recommendation of the Committee members, to serve a two-year term of office **commencing 14 days after incoming Chair is approved by the Planning Commission.**
Motion by CM Davis to accept this bylaw change, seconded by CM Ryan, all approve.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 202 Committee priorities - Discussion to update the committee priorities list for 2023, decided to move the vote to the next meeting after members have a chance to review updates provided by CM Davis.
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan
 - **Vision Zero ordinance (City taking action to have zero-related traffic fatalities by a set date)**
 - **Improved pedestrian signals & crosswalk ordinance - Accessible Pedestrian Signal**
 - Traffic calming and slowing motor vehicle traffic
 - Shifting modes of transportation more towards walking/bicycling
 2. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon's, traffic calming, ordinance review. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs. **Quick build projects?**
 3. Bicyclist Improvements – Additional bike lanes, safety signage, road markings, protected bike lanes, sharrows. **“Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs (link to League of Michigan Bicyclists web page on this subject at <https://tinyurl.com/LMB-BikeSign> Quick build projects?**

Committee to discuss and identify where such signs could possibly be placed by the city.

4. Communication & Education
 - Invite Mayor, City Council, Planning/Sustainability Commission members, City Manager, Police Chief, Public Services Director to Committee meetings.
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter:
 - Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings.
 - Spring bicycle safety education program for both motorists and bicyclists: May “Give Them Room” (3-foot passing a bicyclist by a motor vehicle driver).
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) **snow removal (winter) promotion** by Committee.
 - Amplify public notice of Commission/City Council projects that impact non-motorized activities
 5. Non-Motorized City budget – Determine yearly, non-motorized project funding amount available. Committee involvement in CIP review and non-motorized project funding disbursement decisions.
 6. Neighborhood Connectors - **Low-speed streets "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic**
Committee discussed possible options for community involvement to advertise and encourage use of the new connectors. Plan to seek adoption and support via an online community survey through a new Ypsi Connector website that will be put together. CM Davis has edits to the initial language for the website proposed by CM Ryan, will review at the next meeting. In the meantime, CM Goings to create the website.
 7. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement: Grove Road bridge curb safety improvements
 8. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Walk Friendly Community – **City “entrance way” signage**
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) – Review, and act on, suggested improvements. Work towards next layer of award (i.e. go from Bronze to Silver): Review suggested improvements from [BFC “report card”](#)
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive
 - **Runner Friendly Community application**
 9. Events & Community Outreach - Organized walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Fall “Be Seen” campaign (cyclists and pedestrians wearing reflective clothing), Halloween safe trick-or-treating:
 10. Safe Routes To School
5. New Business
 - a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates
 - b. Other
 6. Other Items - Annual Report and Committee appointment/bylaw updates to be submitted to the Planning Commission at their January meeting
 7. Next meeting
 8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm, motion by CM Davis, seconded by CM Ryan, approved by all. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 09 at 7pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue.

