

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 02/09/2023, TIME: 7:00PM

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

Agenda Items

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

1. Call to order - Time: 7:05PM

Attendees: Committee members Dylan Goings, Bob Krzewinski, Jenny Rose Ryan, Mike Davis, Jessi Kwek.

2. General Business

- PRIOR MONTH meeting minutes approval:

Motion by member Ryan; Second by member Davis; Votes 5-0

- Agenda Approval

Motion by member Ryan; Second by member Davis; Votes 5-0

- Other

New committee Chair Goings required under bylaws to appoint a vice chair.

Committee member Ryan volunteered, and the appointment was unanimously approved by the committee.

3. Introductions - Audience Participation - Public Input

Notes: Ila Coltas is interested in joining the committee. Provided a written letter and talked about background. All agree she would be a great addition.

Lillian Webb also in attendance, here from Ann Arbor and works at The Ride (AATA), and just interested to listen in and possible participate more in the future. This brought up a question for the Planning Commission - can a resident outside of Ypsilanti still be on the NMAC if the current committee approved of the appointment? Member Davis, our Planning Commission liaison, will look into it.

4. 2023 Committee Priorities

- Vision Zero Action Plans

All in agreement on new Committee Priorities list for 2023, and leaning into the

promotion of Vision Zero, with the first step being to draft a resolution for adoption by City Council.

Committee also discussed writing a draft resolution of a new crosswalk ordinance. Decided we would first want to learn about the before/after results of the crosswalk ordinance changes in Ann Arbor.

Member Davis to begin work on a “Quick Build” safety projects list that the committee and adopt and add to, to provide direction to the Planning Commission/City Council on “low-hanging fruit” to support Vision Zero. This list will be publicly maintained for future input from the community. Projects include things like curb extensions, bike “boxes” in intersections, other road markings, and traffic signal timings.

- Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street network that has been designated and "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic.

Committee continues to work on plans for promoting the neighborhood connectors project. Member Kwek has a connection to Dr. Heather Khan at EMU who would be a great contact to help get the word out.

- Communication, Recruitment & Education

Two new recent member additions (assuming Ila Coltas is added) is a great step forward here!

- Pedestrian Improvements – Increasing the number of radar speed signs, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons, traffic calming, ordinance review. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs.

- Bicyclist Improvements – Additional bike lanes, safety signage, road markings, protected bike lanes, sharrows. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.

- Events & Community Outreach – Organized walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Halloween safe trick-or-treating.

Committee talked about the idea of helping to promote the opening of the new pedestrian and bike crossings on Huron on the I-94 overpass this spring. Plan to

continue the discussion next meeting, nothing to do now while it's still winter.

5. Old & Continuing Business

Bike & Walk Friendly Communities

Member Krzewinski to talk to Bonnie Wessler about getting official "Walk Friendly" community signage.

Runner Friendly Community application

Member Krzewinski to continue looking into the runner-friendly application process.

6. New Business / Other Agenda Items

Chair Goings plans to bring Ila Coltas' request to be on the committee to the next Planning Commission meeting.

The new Ypsilanti AATA Bus Station proposal has major non-motorized implications, committee should look to provide input at every opportunity along the way in this project's development.

7. Next meeting - Time/Place: 03/09/2023, 7:00PM

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8. Adjournment - Time: 8:45PM

Motion by member Davis; Second by member Goings; Votes 5-0