

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2018

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:02pm, Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Bob Krzewinski and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to accept the agenda, with no objections.
 - b. Approval of January meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to accept the January minutes (no meeting was held in February), with no objections.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Bob will contact the Mayor for any possible suggestions and send out more publicity asking for volunteers.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) initial actions – Discussed as part of 2022 MDOT Huron/Hamilton project. Research needed to see if bike lanes/parking could be part of a road diet.
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit) – By unanimous consent, the following resolution was approved and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission...
[Resolution Of The City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee On West Cross Street](#)

Whereas, in 2021, repaving is expected to take place on West Cross Street from approximately Wallace Street west to the western City limit, and

Whereas, a four lane traffic configuration in the vicinity of Estabrook School encourages motor vehicle speeding above the 25mph speed limit in that area, and

Whereas, the lack of a center turn lane on Cross Street at the intersection of Mansfield Street is a real safety factor, and

Whereas, westbound bicycle lanes on Cross Street currently end at Wallace Street, and

Whereas, Safe Routes To School program grants may be available for non-motorized improvements in the area of Estabrook School.

Therefore Be It Resolved the City of Ypsilanti supports, as part of a West Cross Street repaving project, a two-lane, plus center turn lane, configuration going as far west as practical that would include bicycle lanes on both sides of the road as well as vehicle parking on the south side of West Cross Street.

2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw - Nathan Vought, of the Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development, will attend our April 5th meeting to give an update.

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3. General projects

- Non-Motorized Plan update completion – Tony gave an update on the Plan and after discussion, the following Committee members will work on Plan sections prior to the April 5th Committee meeting...
 - Bob – Chapter 1 (Introduction), Chapter 8 (Build), Chapter 9 (Promote)
 - Sarah – Chapter 3 (Process), Chapter 4 (Vision and Goals)
 - Tony – Chapter 5 (Administer), Chapter 6 (Maintain), Chapter 11 (Implement)
 - Pete – Chapter 10 (Fund)
 - I-94 Huron Street crossing (along with traffic calming on Huron-Hamilton-Washtenaw) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area – Request For Proposals for Road Diet Capacity Analysis approved by City Council 2/20
 - Border To Border Trail completion – Water Street opening tentatively planned for late March/early April, national Trails Opening Day is April 7 – National Trails Day is the first Saturday of June – Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission will hold public input sessions on March 27 and 29 on an B2B Trail master plan.
 - Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly applications follow up
 - BFC signage – Bob will take photos of five Bike Friendly sign locations and forward them to the Committee prior to having Public Services install the signs.
 - WFC reapplication – WATS indicated they have pedestrian counts as requested in the application and will forward them to the Committee. The next application deadlines are June 15 and December 15.
 - Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal) – No update
 - Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings) – Discussed.
 - Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area – Discussed.
- b. Sidewalk snow removal – Snow removal is mentioned on the City property assessment statement.
- c. Capital Improvements Plan: annual update process/committee formation – Tony will keep the Committee aware of CIP updates.
- d. Other
- EMU Bike Share Program – EMU has chosen one vendor (Spin - <https://www.spin.pm>) and hopes to start the service in May pending approval by the EMU regents.
 - Vision Zero – This program is meant to enact government policies that advance the idea of no pedestrian/cyclists deaths - <https://visionzeronetwork.org>. A representative from the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition will attend the May meeting to talk about this program which has been adopted in Ann Arbor.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – No new updates.
- b. Committee 2017 Annual Report – Tony reported it was received and accepted by the Planning Commission.
- c. Other – Sarah is expecting a report on the EMU bike repair stand usage and will forward it on.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm with the next meeting being Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the downtown Library.