

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - April 5, 2018

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, April 5th, 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 were City Council member Pete Murdock, Nathan Voght from the Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development and Tom Kovacs with the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) bike share program.
2. Introductions
 - a. Re Imagine Washtenaw - Nathan Voght gave an overview and update on the Re Imagine Washtenaw project along with the challenges that are faced.
 - b. Audience participation/public input – Tom Kovacs gave an update of the EMU bike share program, which now is planned for a summer 2018 rollout. Tom also noted that representatives from the local bike share program will be at the April 17th City Council meeting to give a report to that group. The Non-Motorized Advisory Committee members are very supportive of the EMU bike share program and Bob will address City Council on April 17th noting this support.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Martha, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Sarah, to approve the March meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Tony has bought a house outside the City and will be leaving the Committee, and City Planning Commission, in July. He will be working on having another Planning Commission member also serve on the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) – No updates since the last meeting.
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit) – The West Cross Street resolution passed at the March 13th meeting is expected to be on the April 18th Planning Commission meeting which Bob will attend.
 2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw public update program – Completed earlier in the meeting.
 3. General projects
 - Non-Motorized Plan update completion – Update data was discussed and a meeting will be planned for either April 10 or 11 with City Planner Bonnie Wessler to discuss the update. Separate Non-Motorized Plan meetings will be planned roughly every two weeks until the update is completed.
 - I-94 Huron Street crossing (along with traffic calming on Huron-Hamilton-Washtenaw) - involves MDOT jurisdiction areas – No updates since the last meeting.

- Border To Border Trail completion – The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission had two Ypsilanti area public input meetings in late March and will start working on an actual Eastern County B2B Trail master plan soon. Further public input sessions will be held once the master plan is complete.
- Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly applications follow up
 - BFC signage – City staff had concerns about a sign on Huron Street but the Committee recommended the sign still be installed there.
 - WFC reapplication – The next realistic resubmission deadline is December 15.
- Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal) – Bike Ypsi and the Program To Educate All Cyclists will be sponsoring a Ride Of Silence on May 16th at Recreation Park to honor all cyclists killed or injured and urge all road users to share the road.
- Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings) - No updates since the last meeting.
- Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area – Seasonal speed bumps should be going up on Ferris and Dwight Street. A discussion was also held on placing speed bumps on Cornell and Miles Streets, as well as signing (i.e. stop for pedestrians) on the Border To Border Trail mid-block crossing of Cornell Street between Mayhew and Collegewood.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Update information covered in the meeting minutes.
- b. AARP Grant – The AARP has a Community Challenge grant with a deadline of May 16th. Discussed were possible projects including curb cuts and bus stop waiting pads. Bob will discuss the grant further with Bonnie Wessler and research more possible projects where the grant could be used.
- c. Other – Bob will set up the annual bike commuting station at Beezy's on Washington Street on Bike To Work Day, May 18th. WATS accepted almost all of the Committee suggestions for locations to do bicycle and pedestrian traffic counts.

6. Other Items – Announcements - None.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm with the next meeting being Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the downtown Library.