

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Sarah Walsh, Dylan Goings, Bob Krzewinski and Helen Schulte. Also, City Planner Bonnie Wessler attended the meeting.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – General input from guests attending meeting including sidewalks needed on Whittier and Bellevue along with curb cuts in that area. Bob will follow up.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Helen, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of April meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Guests attending the meeting indicated they may be interested in serving on the Committee. Bob will follow up.
 - d. Other – Bob will contact the new City Manager and request they attend a future Committee meeting.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2019 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Jared is working on the final draft.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - *Top 10” list of curb cut needs and improvements* – Bob has started to send out inquires for needed locations of curb cuts around the City and will compile the list and share it with the Committee before forwarding it on for City action. Bonnie reviewed the current condition of the City’s consent agreement on ADA compliant curb cuts.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, traffic calming – Bonnie updated the Committee on a road stripping contact that will include pedestrian markings.
 4. Bike Lanes – West Cross Street – Bonnie gave an update on engineering work which will include a center turn lane at Mansfield and bike lanes extending further west.
 5. Communication – Meeting invitations (City Council, Mayor, etc.), quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter – Bob send the Mayor an item for her newsletter about May being national Bike Month and which included safety tips for bicyclists and motorists, as well as informing people about the new Michigan law where motorists must pass a bicycle by at least 3 feet. Bob will also be sending the Mayor an item for her newsletter about suggestions for the curb cut “top 10” list.
 6. Non-Motorized City budget – Amount of funds for non-motorized projects, Committee involvement in disbursement decisions – No update.
 7. Bike Boulevards – Bob will have more on this by the next meeting. Bonnie suggested Congress and Catherine Streets which Bob will review.
 8. Border To Border Trail gap completion & improvements – Improvements to the Frog Island and Grove Road (Water Street trail to I-94) are on track for 2020 construction with the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.
 9. Walk Friendly Community application – Preliminary plan is to submit in December.
 10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut snow removal promotion – Bob will send out communications urging vegetation be trimmed back on sidewalk overgrowth at per City ordinance.
 11. Events – Ypsilanti Earth Day (4/14) – Bob reported on the Committee table at the event held at Cultivate Coffee in Depot Town. The Committee also will have a table again at the Parkridge Festival the end of August and Bob will look into helmet giveaways.
 12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – Completed.
 - b. Parkridge bike repair station (AARP grant) – The Washteanw Bicycling and Walking Coalition submitted a grant for a repair station at the Parkridge Community Center and will also match half the cost. Grant awards will be announced in early June.
 - c. May Bike-Bus-Walk Week (May 12-18), Bike-To-Work Day (May 17) - Bob will set up a Committee bike commuter station at Beezy’s on Washington Street from 7am to 9am for Bike To Work Day May 17th.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Given by Bonnie at meeting. Bonnie and the Committee also discussed the expanded use of sharrows where bike lanes end/begin at intersections and enhanced pedestrian crossing improvements at Huron and Michigan as well as promoting the SEMCOG Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan survey.
- b. City parking study – The recent City parking study noted that non-motorized travel needs to be promoted and improved. Bob will set up a meeting with the DDA Director on this subject.
- c. Other – Expanded bus racks: The Washteanw Bicycling and Walking Coalition is petitioning the AAATA to convert to 3-bike racks on busses (currently they have 2-bike racks) and Bob will review possible Committee support for this through the Planning Commission.

6. Other Items – Announcements (none), Next meeting (June 6) and no July meeting due to Independence Day falling on the 1st Thursday.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Helen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 7pm at the downtown Library.