

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, June 6, 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 and Bob Krzewinski. Also, City Planner Bonnie Wessler attended the meeting.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – Lee Stimson and Jared Walfish attended the meeting and gave input.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Sarah, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Both Jared Walfish and Lee Stimson would like to serve on the Committee. Bob requested that both individuals submit a short written introduction that will be forwarded to the Planning Commission who, as per the [Committee's by-laws](#), approve all Committee nominations.
 - d. Other – Bob has sent an email to City Council member (and Ypsi Bike Co-Op volunteer) Steve Wilcoxon, asking if he would be willing to serve as a Council member liaison to the Committee. We have currently 305 “Likes” on the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee [Facebook page](#).
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2019 Committee priorities – Bonnie first gave an overview of the next City Council meeting on June 11th that will include a working session on City roads. Since the City has a Complete Streets ordinance as well as a Non Motorized Plan, anyone interested in non-motorized improvements in the City is urged to attend. Bob will send out social media posting about this meeting.
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update – Bob will contact Jared for an update.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - *Top 10” list of curb cut needs and improvements* – Bob reported that an initial request for areas where curb cuts were needed brought in a number of submissions. Additional input will be requested by social media by Bob with a goal of a complete list by late July.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements – Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, traffic calming
 - *City web page promotion - Responsive Traffic Safety Improvement Policy* – The City has posted a “[Speeding Concerns](#)” page that gives the process for citizen petitioning to have traffic calming (such as signage, pavement markings, speed bumps) on a specific street section. The Committee will start using social media to promote the Policy to neighborhood groups.
 - Also discussed was sidewalk gaps in the area of Whittier and Belleview Streets and social media postings from the Committee reminding residents to keep their sidewalks clear of vegetation (Bob will send this out shortly).
 4. Bike Lanes – West Cross Street – Engineering work continuing on West Cross Street with plans for bike lanes and a center turn lane in the vicinity of Mansfield Street.

5. Communication – Meeting invitations (City Council, Mayor, etc.), quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter
 - May local 3-foot passing law education drive – Publicity campaign by the Committee using social media and the Mayors newsletter to promote the 3 foot passing law was well accepted (i.e. a minimum of negative comments).
 - The City Manager and City Council members will be invited to future meetings.
 6. Non-Motorized City budget – Amount of funds for non-motorized projects, Committee involvement in disbursement decisions – “Fast and cheap” improvements discussed such as more speed limit signs on Cross Street in Depot Town and mid-block stop-for-pedestrian signs on Cornell Street where the Border To Border Trail crosses.
 7. Bike Boulevards – Bob will work on a proposal for the August Committee meeting.
 8. Border To Border Trail gap completion & improvements – Preliminary engineering work starting in Frog Island (i.e. soil sampling to see what is beneath the riverside dike).
 9. Walk Friendly Community application – No update.
 10. Sidewalk/Curb Cut snow removal promotion – No update.
 11. Events – Parkridge Festival (8/24) application turned in for a Committee information table. Bob looking into bicycle helmet giveaway with funding from the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition. Sponsors of the 2018 EMU Bike Expo, as well as Park Tool, may also be open for helmet funding. Ypsi Bike Co-Op is also planning to be at the Festival with free bike repairs.
 12. Dockless bicycle/scooter policy by City – Policy enacted into law.
- b. Parkridge bike repair station (AARP grant) – Grant awards will be given out in July.
 - c. Report - May Bike-Bus-Walk Week (May 12-18): Bike Ypsi Ride Of Silence (5/15) only had seven riders. Bike-To-Work Day (5/17) had 25 participants stop by the Commuting Station from 7am to 9am at Beezy’s Café. Also, there was a well-attended group ride from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor at 7am with Committee member Dylan Goings helping out.
 - d. Other – Bonnie reported that the City is considering temporary (i.e. removed every winter) multi-unit bike racks (i.e. like the AAATA has on Pearl Street) for downtown and Depot Town. The Ypsilanti DDA is also still offering businesses \$25 bicycle racks.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Incorporated in meeting minutes.
- b. City parking study and non-motorized travel promotion – While a parking study has just has been completed, a formal City parking committee/commission has not been established yet. When established, Jared Walfish is interested in serving on it.
- c. Other – Bonnie indicated that there will be public information and/or public input sessions coming up on Huron, Hamilton and Cross Street repaving and non-motorized improvements (including the crossing of I-94). Actual construction will begin in 2022. Also, there will be public input sessions on updates of the City, and Parks, Master plan.

6. Other Items – Announcements – Next meeting – August 1 (No July meeting due to federal holiday)

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Sarah, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 1, 7pm at the downtown Library.