

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021 – Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:02pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Dylan Goings, and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met) . Also attending was City Planner Andy Aamodt.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Echols; Seconded By: Committee member Goings. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0
 - b. Approval of June 2021 meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded By: Committee member Echols. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0
 - c. Bylaws review – Noted that next Committee member who’s term will expire is Committee member Echols in June 2022.
 - d. New Committee member recruitment – Still looking for new members. Committee member Krzewinski will send out link to the [Committee Member Duties and General Information](#) sheet which gives information about becoming a Committee member.
 - e. Other – Online meetings could continue until the end of the year at most although City Council may go back to face-to-face meetings earlier.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2020 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – The final amended Non-Motorized Plan update is in the meeting packet (https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07132021-1626) with a link at agenda item VI.A for the next online City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 13th at 7pm. There will be a separate public hearing on the Plan itself and all Committee members are urged to attend and offer their comments. If anyone cannot attend the City Council, comments can go to all Council members at with email links at <https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/323/Elected-Officials>.
 2. Pedestrian Improvements – A resident of Ypsilanti copied in the Committee on speeding problems on Forest Avenue which was forwarded to all Committee members.
 3. Bike Lanes – Committee member Davis has been speaking with Bonnie Wessler of City Public Services about improving the bike lane on Forest at Hamilton street to increase the safety of bicyclists.
 4. Communication & Education
 - Sidewalk vegetation trim back promotion by Committee – Committee member Krzewinski sent out a posting to all Facebook and Nextdoor neighborhood groups about the ordinance to trim back vegetation so sidewalks are not obstructed, especially to disabled people. Problem areas can be reported to the City at <https://www.cityofypsilanti.com/506/Report-an-Issue>.
 - Summer Non-Motorized Committee newsletter deadline – August 1, 2021
 - EMU Bike Rodeo – EMU Convocation Center – 9am to noon – August 7

- Parkridge Summer Festival – Noon to 3pm - August 28
 - Washtenaw County Bike To Work Day – 7am to 9am, Beezys - September 17
5. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed streets which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic. Committee members Davis and Krzewinski, along with volunteer Kai Le, will be working on this project with a draft route map at <https://tinyurl.com/Ypsi-Connect-Map>.
 6. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
 - Bike & Walk Friendly Communities - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification – Committee member Krzewinski reviewed work done on the Bike Friendly Community renewal application and is due by August 5th. Andy Aamodt and Bonnie Wessler will be reviewing various sections of the application. A Walk Friendly Community application would be due in mid-December.
 - b. WATS Route Ypsi traffic calming program update - <http://www.miwats.org/route-ypsilanti> – Committee member Krzewinski reported the four temporary demonstration projects should be completed soon.
 - c. MDOT 2022 Ypsilanti non-motorized projects – No new updates.
 - d. Other
5. New Business
 - a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – No new updates.
 6. Other Items – Announcements - Next meeting – A discussion was held about meetings, and with the Non-Motorized Plan update now just about complete, the next meeting will be in September. Also, meetings will be moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month to reduce conflicts with other meetings. The next meeting then will be Thursday, September 9, 2021.
 7. Adjournment - Offered by: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded by: Committee member Echols: Approved: Yes – 3; No – 0 (Committee member Davis had to leave before adjournment). Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm