

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2020

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:03pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Jenny Connolly, Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Dylan Goings, Bob Krzewinski, Helen Schulte, and Sarah Walsh (quorum met) . Also attending were City Council member Steve Wilcoxon, City Public Services Department Project Manager Bonnie Wessler, City Planner Andy Aamodt, and City Clerk Andrew Hellenga.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – None.
3. Guest presentations – None.
4. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Schulte; Seconded By: Committee Member Davis. Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0.
 - b. Approval of June meeting minutes (no July meeting) - Offered By: Committee member Connolly; Seconded By: Committee member Walsh. Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0.
 - c. Bylaws review – Bob Krzewinski reported that Committee member Jared Walfish has moved out of the City and resigned from the Committee effective July 22, 2020. Also, Mike Davis Jr. was approved by the Planning Commission, at its 7/15/2020 meeting, as a Committee member and Commission representative to the Committee. The next Committee member terms ending will be Bob Krzewinski (12/31/2020) and Sarah Walsh (12/31/2020).
 - d. Other – Andy Aamodt and Andrew Hellenga noted that with the Governor continuing the state of emergency for Michigan, there are an increasing number of official City meetings held by teleconference with only limited staff to administer these meetings. Until such a time that the state of emergency ends and public meetings are permitted, City Committee meetings are asked to scale back their meeting schedules and meet quarterly.
5. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2020 Committee priorities
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – A discussion was held on a sub-committee of the Committee meeting on and informal basis and how this relates to the [Michigan Open Meetings Act](#). For the individuals working on the Non-Motorized Plan update, Mike Davis Jr. will “captain” the proceedings and meet individually meet with City staff as needed. Andy Aamodt will send a Doodle poll for a potential Plan Working Session meeting in the coming months.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements
 - Curb Cut Priority List – Committee suggestions forwarded to the City Public Services office in June with no updates.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements – (Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon, traffic calming. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs)
 - Continue current efforts with MDOT on in-City State Route pedestrian improvements (i.e. Huron, West Cross, Washtenaw, Hamilton, Michigan). No updates.
 - Install permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at locations with a high incidence of speeding (i.e. southbound Prospect south of Holmes, Mansfield both directions near schools) – No updates.
 4. Bike Lanes
 - Spring repainting of existing bike lanes - No updates.
 5. Communication & Education
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter – Bob Krzewinski working on this.

- Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings – On 8/18/2020, at the City Council meeting, a vote will be taken on a State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for Huron Street non-motorized improvements over I-94.
 - Spring/summer safety education program for both motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists – No new updates.
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee – Bob Krzewinski will place posts on Facebook neighborhood group pages urging sidewalks be kept clear of vegetation growth.
6. Non-Motorized City budget – Determine yearly, non-motorized project funding amount available. Committee involvement in CIP review and non-motorized project funding disbursement decisions. No updates.
 7. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic. Mike Davis and Bob Krzewinski will ride the suggested connecting routes in August and September with an invitation going out to other Committee contacts.
 8. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
 - Support City and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission efforts to complete the Trail through the City. It was noted that the August election millage renewal to be used for County road projects and non-motorized facilities passed by 76% countywide but by an 83% in the City of Ypsilanti.
 - Install “State Law – Stop For Pedestrians In Crosswalk” signs at mid-block B2B Trail crossing of Cornell Street between Collegewood and Mayhew. – No new updates.
 9. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Submit Walk Friendly Community application when Non-Motorized Plan update complete.
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification (current BFC award expires in November 2021) – No new updates.
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive – No new updates.
 10. Events & Community Outreach – Bob Krzewinski attended the Eastern Michigan University Police Department August 1st Bike Rodeo with a Committee information table with safe-cycling handouts. The delayed (from May) 2020 Bike To Work Week will be 9/21-27 and Bike To Work Day will take place on Tuesday, September 22 (which is also [World Car Free Day](#)). Bob Krzewinski will look into setting up a bike commuter station on Bike To Work Day as has been done in previous years.
 11. Safe Routes To School - No updates
 - b. Parkridge, Frog Island, Senior Center bike repair stations – Ordered by the City,
 - c. Pedestrian Crossing Legislation – Michigan HB 4738 (Representative Ronnie Peterson) – This potential revision to statewide pedestrian crossing regulations has seen no real activity since June 2019.
6. New Business
 - a. Planning - Public Services Departments update – No new updates.
 - Other – Steve Wilcoxon discussed speeding problems in the City. Bob Krzewinski will contact Bonnie Wessler about [adding sharrows at bike lane major street intersections](#) to a) give guidance to cyclists where they should be traveling until the bike lane starts up again, and b) alert motorists there could be cyclists in the road ahead.
 7. Other Items – Announcements – Next meeting – Next meeting date will be largely determined by actions involving completion of the Non-Motorized Plan update.
 8. Adjournment - Offered By: Committee member Echols; Seconded By: Committee Member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 6; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.