

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9, 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, Helen Schulte 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 Schulte; Seconded By: Committee member Echols. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0
 - b. Approval of July 2021 meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Echols; Seconded By: Committee member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0
 - c. Bylaws review – Review of Committee member terms dates.
 - d. New Committee member recruitment - Discussion on how to attract new Committee members. Committee member Davis will contact urban planning classes at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2020 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Next steps – Discussion held on what should be a priority out of the new Non-Motorized Plan update with Committee member Davis favoring Neighborhood Connector routes and a Vision Zero campaign (i.e. zero traffic deaths by a certain year). Committee member Echols favored improving traffic and crash data, improved pedestrian signals and an improved crosswalk ordinance. Committee member Schulte favored slowing traffic and more speed bumps, Committee member Goings communicated prior to the meeting in an email that he favored Goal 3 (Shift to Non-Motorized Modes) Objectives 1 and 2 should definitely be prioritized. Goal 4 Objectives 1-2 go hand in hand there and are also things the Committee can directly accomplish. He also favored Goal 2, Objective 1 - Make Ypsilanti Accessible to All. This is a broad objective that includes items outside the Committees purview, but something we can have an active role in, and has more specific in outcomes than some of the more general goals.
 2. Pedestrian Improvements
 3. Bike Lanes
 4. Communication & Education
 - Sidewalk vegetation trim back promotion by Committee – Committee member Krzewinski will send a reminder to residents by social media to trim back vegetation obstructing sidewalks.
 - Summer Non-Motorized Committee newsletter was out in late August. The Fall 2021 deadline will be November 15, 2021.
 - Reports given by Committee member Krzewinski on events the Committee had a table at which were EMU Bike Rodeo (8/7) and Parkridge Summer Festival (8/28). As of

September 9th, the Washtenaw County Bike To Work Day on September 17 appears to be cancelled. The downtown Ypsilanti Halloween Festival is on for Friday, October 29 from 4pm to 6pm, and the Committee will have a table there passing out safe trick-or-treating handouts and lighted wrist bands (donated from The Ride/Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority).

5. Neighborhood Connectors – Committee member Davis commented on this project with news that a Committee volunteer, Kai Le, is working on Connector maps.
 6. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement. Committee member Krzewinski will contact City Public Services with some vegetation trim back and signage requests. The Grove Road B2B crossing improvements over I-94 is in active construction at the present time and will include fencing.
 7. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Bike Friendly Community application was filed electronically on 8/30/2021. Results will be posted by the League of American Bicyclists in December 2021.
 - Walk Friendly Community – Copy of an earlier application was emailed to Committee members with a new application deadline of 2/15/2021). Committee members Schulte, Echols, Davis and Echols will work on the application project.
 8. Events & Community Outreach – Committee member Krzewinski will conduct a cold weather bicycling talks in November and December.
- b. MDOT 2022 Ypsilanti non-motorized projects – Discussed with construction expected in 2022.
5. New Business
 - a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – No updates.
 6. Other Items – Announcements - Next meeting – Committee member Echols reminded Committee members that the [Police Advisory Commission](#) meets monthly and welcomes guests at its meetings. The next Non-Motorized Advisory Committee meeting will be held the 2nd Thursday
 7. Adjournment - Offered by: Committee member Echols; Seconded by: Committee member Schulte: Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee 2020-21 Priorities (Complete List)

1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update.
2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements.
 - Create an annual City Curb Cut Priority List
 - Create a City Curb Cut deficiency list
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).
 - Install permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at locations with a high incidence of speeding.

- Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) demonstration project
4. Bike Lanes
 - West Cross Street
 - Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus
 - Spring repainting of existing bike lanes
 - Sharrows at beginning and end of bike lanes
 5. Communication & Education
 - Invite Mayor, City Council, Planning/Sustainability Commission members, City Manager, Police Chief, Public Services Director to Committee meetings.
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter.
 - Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings.
 - Spring bicycle safety education program for both motorists and bicyclists
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee
 - Amplify public notice of Commission/City Council projects that impact non-motorized activities
 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.
 7. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic. Potential projects: Adams (Cross to Forest), Pearl (Hamilton to Mansfield), 2nd Avenue (Michigan to Watling).
 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.
 - Install “State Law – Stop For Pedestrians In Crosswalk” signs at mid-block B2B Trail crossing of Cornell Street between Collegewood and Mayhew.
 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)
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive
 10. Events & Community Outreach – B2B Trail walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Halloween safe trick-or-treating. Grants for helmet giveaways for events the Committee is at.
 11. Safe Routes To School