

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 5, 2017

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:07pm, January 5, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Cathie Kinzel, Sarah Walsh and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – Discussed was Common Cycle of Ann Arbor holding a bike maintenance session for Ypsilanti residents, which could lead to a “bike-maintenance-coop” in our city.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to approve the December minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports - None.
 - d. By-laws – By unanimous consent, the Committee recommends to the Planning Commission the reappointment of Sarah Walsh and Bob Krzewinski to the Committee for two year terms and Bob Krzewinski be reappointed the Committee Chair for 2017/2018.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2017 Committee priorities
 - Bike lanes – Complete bike lane on Forest and extend the West Cross bike lane from Wallace Street to the western City limit – Pete indicated that the funding of the Forest Avenue bike lane should be in place and will be completed in the spring. Bob will work with Cathie, and the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition, on incorporating a West Cross bike lane into a larger improved Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor bicycle commuting route.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – The Huron Street non-motorized improvements over I-94 are largely tied to a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) repaving of Huron and Hamilton Street, to which MDOT is currently conducting modeling and engineering work for construction no earlier than 2020.
 - Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan. Bob will meet with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission staff, and Pete is scheduled to meet with the Commission Executive Director, about these issues.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – It was decided to delay the submission of these two applications until the early summer so more “completed” non-motorized projects could be listed.
 - Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – See item 4.e below. Pete also mentioned that Safe Route To Schools funds might be available for safety improvements around schools.
 - Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road – Discussed.

- Accessibility in City parks – Bob will converse with the City Parks & Recreation Commission about possible joint action on this subject.

- b. Non-motorized plan – No new updates.
- c. Bike Friendly Business applications – Bob making visits to local merchants. A list of Bike Friendly Businesses now on the Bike-Bus-Walk Ypsi web page – www.bbwypsi.org.
- d. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No new update.
- e. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – Planning Commission resolution - A resolution to MDOT urging action on improved pedestrian safety signage, along with curb cuts at Ferris and Hamilton Streets, will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for City Council approval.
- f. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects – Bob will forward a new CIP document to Committee members and recommend additions to the City Planning Commission.
- g. City Council budget non-motorized project recommendations - Bob will forward on to the Planning Commission the 2017 Committee Priorities with a recommendation that these be forwarded on to the City Council to be considered during their goal setting.
- h. Bike repair stations – Bob reported on a meeting where the Ypsilanti District Library would be the lead agency to acquire two bike repair stands, one at the downtown Library and the other at the Parkridge Community Center. Sarah also urged that the EMU Office Of Community Engagement be contacted for station funding grants.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update - Bob met with City Planner Bonnie Wessler and comments included in the agenda items
- b. Sidewalk snow removal – Snow removal was discussed with Pete mentioning that after the last recent major snowfall, the City Code Enforcement Officer (the City has only one) wrote 133 citations for lack of sidewalk snow removal. The new ad-hoc Ypsilanti Sidewalk Accessibility Project was also commended for their volunteer work to clear sidewalks of snow.
- c. Annual report – Bob is working on the 2016 report to forward on to the City Planning Commission and also City Council.

6. Other Items – Announcements – None.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Cathie, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm with the next meeting being held Thursday, February 2, 7:00pm at the downtown Library main floor meeting room.