

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 2, 2017

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, March 2, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Cathie Kinzel, Sarah Walsh and Bob Krzewinski. Also attending was City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of January meeting minutes – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sarah, to approve the January meeting minutes (the February 2017 meeting was cancelled), passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports - Contained in agenda items below.
 - d. By-laws – Committee Vice Chair & Secretary appointments – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Cathie, to appoint Sarah as Committee Vice-Chair, passing unanimously.
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 the Forest Avenue bike lane (Prospect to Norris) will be painted in the spring. Cathie discussed talking with Larry Deck of the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition (WBWC) about cycling safety improvement to Cross/Packard from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor and Bob will bring up installing more Share The Road signs at the next WBWC meeting. Pete indicated that West Cross is slated to be repaved in 2021 and now would be a good time to gather support from the Ypsilanti School Board, our County Commissioner for improvements around Estabrook School, as well as investigate Safe Route To Schools grants.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – Indications are still looking at 2021 for improvements.
 - Border To Border Trail – On the Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Bob passed out a map of route and is working with the City (and will contact the City Parks & Recreation Commission along with City Council) and Washtenaw County Parks for signage. The need for an Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan was also reemphasized and Bob will talk to the City and Washtenaw County Parks about this with a walking tour of potential routes in April. The Friends of the Border To Border Trail are researching revising Google maps to show more consistent Trail labeling on Google maps. The Michigan Avenue HAWK light near the Huron River is operational. Water Street soil contamination remediation is expected to start in March and will take 2-3 weeks after which a grand opening event will take place. Governor Snyder just put a request in for \$5 million for trail development during 2018/19 which could bring more local funds. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is urging Boy/Girl Scout groups to conduct hikes National Trail Day (1st Saturday of June) and Bob has contact local Scout groups about this.

- Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – Bob will set up a Doodle poll for a separate meeting in March to work on completion of these applications.
- Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – Pete talked about the recent City Council action to have MDOT make improvements to pedestrian safety signage on West Cross Street and also make the West Cross/Huron intersection safe for pedestrians. Pete also indicated that in the budget for 2017 street repaving projects, there may be room for radar speed readout signs.
- Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road – Bob will contact ReImagine Washtenaw about having a speaker at a future meeting.
- Accessibility in City parks – A short discussion was held on possibly having Washtenaw County Parks fund improvements.

- b. Non-motorized plan – A discussion was held on the need to complete the update of the Plan.
- c. Bike Friendly Business applications – No new updates.
- d. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – As discussed in the “Pedestrian Safety Signage” bullet point above, Congress may be a good location for radar speed readout signs once the street is repaved in 2017.
- e. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – The Planning Commission is expected to take action on the Committee resolution urging MDOT improvements at its March 15th meeting at which Bob will attend.
- f. Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) inclusion of non-motorized projects- Pete indicated a number of non-motorized projects were added to the CIP at a recent City Council meeting.
- g. City Council budget non-motorized project recommendations – Tony attended the City Council budget meeting and reported on the proceedings. Pete also provided Committee members with projected City road and non-motorized budget amounts over the next five years.
- h. Bike repair stations – Sarah reported that Eastern Michigan University has purchased three bike repair stations with two to be installed on the main campus and one at the Business Center downtown. Bob is still working with the downtown Library for two stations, one at Library Plaza Park and the other at the Parkridge Community Center.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – Contained in agenda item reports.
- b. Sidewalk snow removal – No updates.
- c. Wayfinding signs – A short discussion was held on a second phase of sign additions geared towards pedestrians and bicyclists.

6. Other Items – Announcements - Ypsi Bike Co-Op, Corner Brewery, Sunday, March 5, 4pm.

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Tony to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm with the next meeting being Thursday, April 6 at the downtown Library.