

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2017

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm, April 6, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary, Cathie Kinzel, and Bob Krzewinski.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input - None
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Martha, seconded by Tony, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha, to approve the March meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Officer reports - Contained in agenda items.
 - d. By-laws –Secretary appointment – Volunteer for Secretary still needed.
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 – Bob will work on contacting the Ypsilanti School Board and our County Commissioner for traffic-calming support on West Cross.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – No update.
 - Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan – Bob working on trail re-route document for Riverside Park/Water Street and will email it to Committee members. Bob will also be working with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission staff on replacing/adding signs on the on-road Trail section from Frog Island to Eastern Michigan University as well as an Ypsilanti B2B Completion master plan.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – WFC deadline June 15 – BFC deadline August 17 – Tony will send out a Doodle poll for a dedicated Bike Friendly Community application working session meeting.
 - Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – Bob will research the cost of basic radar speed signs being used in Ann Arbor. Bob will check into the Washtenaw Avenue HAWK light to see if it is working properly.
 - Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road – No update.
 - Accessibility in City parks – No update.
 - b. Non-motorized plan – Tony will summarize public input offered into a graphic and also work on having a final Plan update public input session at a Planning Commission meeting.

- c. Bike Friendly Business applications – No new updates.
 - d. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – Bob will check into the City’s mobile traffic speed warning trailer and what data is collected and how long it is kept, as well as if data can be collected without the radar speed being displayed (i.e. more realistic data of actual speeds). Bob will resend a letter to the new City Manager that was sent to the previous City Manager about traffic calming on Congress Street. Also discussed was a new stop sign at Normal and Congress, odd speed limit signs (i.e. 24 mph vs. 25mph) that tend to grab motorists attention, as well as staggered north/south parking on Congress from Summit to Michigan Avenue.
 - e. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – The Planning Commission should have on their April 19th meeting agenda a resolution dealing with this issue, which Bob will attend.
 - f. Bike repair stations – Installed at Eastern Michigan University and their downtown College of Business.
 - g. Other – Cathie will research new “share the road” signs. Bob will talk to the Mayor about having a Committee member attend City Traffic Review Committee meetings to give non-motorized user input.
5. New Business
- a. Planning Department update – None.
 - b. Bike Bus Walk Week (May 14-20) – Bob passed around a flyer with events planned in the City.
6. Other Items – Announcements – Bike To School Day (May 3) and the Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (May 7). Common Cycle has donated a “check-out” bicycle pump at the downtown Library. There will be a Bike Co-Op (offering repair sessions) on April 9th and Bob will send a notice of the meeting time/location.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Martha to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with the next meeting being Thursday, May 4 at the downtown Library.