

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2017

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:06pm, May 4, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Cathie Kinzel, Bob Krzewinski and Sarah Walsh. Also attending was Bonnie Wessler from the City of Ypsilanti Planning Department.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – none.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to accept the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of April meeting minutes - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sarah, to approve the April meeting minutes, 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 – Painting of the bike lane on Forest is expected to be completed this spring.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – No new updates.
 - Border To Border Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan – Bob passed around two documents, one being a listing of B2B signs needed on the route from Frog Island Park to Eastern Michigan University and the other being suggested signs to reroute the B2B through Riverside Park and the Water Street area. Bob is in communication with the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, EMU and City Public Services about the actual placement of these signs.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – WFC deadline June 15 – BFC deadline August 17 – With the deadline coming up June 15th, most of the meeting time was spent on reviewing the Walk Friendly Community application with agreement that a working session on this application will also be held at City Hall, Wednesday, May 24th at City Hall. In the meantime Committee members will continue to update both the Walk Friendly and Bike Friendly applications with Sarah coordinating the Walk application and Tony the Bike application.
 - Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – No new updates.
 - Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Fill gaps and bring up to standards sidewalks on both sides of the road from Oakwood Street to Hewitt Road – No new updates.
 - Accessibility in City parks – No new updates.

- b. Non-motorized plan – It was decided to hold another public input session on the Plan update on June 28th at a location outside City Hall (Bob will check on having it at the Freight House, SPARK or Senior Center). It was suggested that outside agencies, such as the Washtenaw Area Traffic Study and the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, among others, be invited to attend.
- c. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – “Stop For Pedestrians” signs should be going back up on Congress at Elm Street.
- d. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – The Planning Commission is continuing to review what items they would like included in a request to MDOT on safety improvements and curb cuts on MDOT-jurisdiction roads within the City. The next Planning Commission meeting is May 17.
- e. Bike Bus Walk Week (May 14-20) – Bob passed around flyers for events happening during this week, which is also known as “Bike To Work Week”.

5. New Business

- a. Planning Department update – No other updates.
6. Other Items – Announcements – Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (May 7), Bike To School Day (May 10) – Bob will place basic information about Bike To School Day on the Committee’s Facebook page.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm with the next meeting being Thursday, June 1, at the downtown Library.