

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2017

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, August 3, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members attending were Tony Bedogne, Martha Cleary Cathie Kinzel, Bob Krzewinski and Sarah Walsh. Also attending were Rose Pahl Donaldson of the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council member Pete Murdock.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input – A City resident spoke about the need for additional bike lanes in the City, especially on Huron and Hamilton Streets. A suggestion was made to have residents contact the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on such changes.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Tony, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of June meeting minutes (no July meeting) – A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Sarah, to approve the June minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Committee member recruitment – Tony and Martha's terms on the Committee end in at the end of January 2018. Additional Committee members also need to be solicited.
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 – The bike lane on Forest, between Prospect and Norris, was completed in July. Committee work will now start to focus on West Cross Street bike lanes with Bob drafting a letter for the next Committee meeting that will go to the Planning Commission and on to City Council urging action on this proposed project.
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized improvements – No new updates.
 - Border To Border (B2B) Trail – Trail re-route through Riverside Park & Water Street, Ypsilanti Trail completion master plan – Rosie gave an overview of the new project by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to create a master plan for the completion of the B2B Trail in eastern Washtenaw County. A first meeting will be held in August of a master plan working group and Bob will keep Committee members informed and involved on the plan status.
 - Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community applications submitted – The Walk Friendly application was sent to meet the June deadline. A Committee meeting was held on July 28th specifically to review the Bike Friendly application which the Committee will submit before the August 17th deadline.
 - Pedestrian safety signage (including radar speed readout signs) – The City has purchased five radar speed readout signs that a semi-portable and are already installed on West Cross, Prospect and Collegewood Street. The Committee will request, through Bob, to place one of these signs on eastbound Congress in the area where it goes downhill.

- 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 – Bob will talk with Bonnie Wessler about the next steps in the plan process. The Committee also reviewed the results of public input at the June Committee non-motorized plan public input session. These results will be used by the Committee for setting 2018 priorities starting in October.
 - c. Traffic calming – Depot Town, Congress Street – No new updates other than what covered in item 4.a (Pedestrian safety signage).
 - d. MDOT improvements (pedestrian signage-curb cuts) – Planning Commission resolution actions – Pete gave an overview of a meeting he had with MDOT about West Cross pedestrian safety signage. Bob will review the status of Planning Commission resolution actions approved by the Commission in May.
5. New Business
- a. Planning Department update – No new updates.
 - b. Parkridge Festival – August 26 – No Committee members will be able to staff an information table this year so there will be no Committee participation in 2017. The new Ypsi Bike Co-Op (free bike repairs) is planning on attending.
 - c. Other – Pete discussed City repaving projects set for the fall of 2017 (Summit: Washtenaw to Michigan with bump-outs at Sheridan/Grant/Woods, Congress: Elm to Michigan with bump-outs at Elm/Normal, Michigan: Ballard to Fire Station, Hamilton: Cross to Washtenaw with bump-out at Emmet). Bob reported on a meeting he had with Joe Meyers of the Downtown Development Authority where additional bicycle parking racks were discussed, including Depot Town and the B2B Trail bridge across the Huron River (the Friends of the B2B Trail are donating a rack for this location).
6. Work session – Bike Friendly Community application – Application discussed.
7. Other Items – Announcements – The October Committee meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month rather than the first.
8. Adjournment - A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Cathie, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm with the next meeting being Thursday, September 7, at the downtown Library.