

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, September 6, 2018

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Attending was Sarah Walsh, Bob Krzewinski and Jared Talaga. The City Manager originally was supposed to attend but emailed that he needed to reschedule until our October meeting.
2. Introductions - Audience participation- Public input - Speakers – None.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to approve the agenda and was approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes – A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Jared, to approve the minutes and was passed unanimously.
 - c. Additional Committee member recruitment – Bob had sent out messages by email and Facebook to local neighborhood groups soliciting Committee members.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) - No update. This could potentially be a part of the 2022 rebuild of Huron and Hamilton Streets.
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit) – Engineering work should start soon.
 2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw update – None.
 3. General projects
 - Non-Motorized Plan update completion – Jared is assembling and formatting data send to him and should have an updated draft document in two weeks. Bob reported that Ypsilanti Township will have a public input meeting on their first non-motorized plan on September 10th and he will be attending.
 - I-94 Huron Street crossing (along with traffic calming on Huron-Hamilton-Washtenaw) - involves MDOT jurisdiction areas - No update.
 - Border To Border Trail completion – Water Street B2B path is still closed awaiting a permit for use by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
 - Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly Community applications follow up – A Walk Friendly application filing will be dependant on the approval of the Non-Motorized Plan update.
 - Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal) – A quarterly newsletter was discussed with Bob working on a draft fall edition. Jared suggested the Ypsi Bike Co-Op be highlighted.
 - Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings) – No update.
 - Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area – Permanent radar speed signs were discussed.
 - b. Reports - Parkridge Festival & EMU August bike event - The Parkridge Festival Non-Motorized Committee table was well received with free bike helmets (donated by the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society) given away in a short period of time. The Ypsi Bike Co-Op bike repair station was also well received. No report was available for the EMU August 11th bicycle event.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update - No update.
 - b. Local education – statewide 3 foot passing law - Bob will start doing informational posting on neighborhood Facebook sites on this.
 - c. Halloween library safe trick-or-treating (October 26) – Bob will work on the Committee being at this local event downtown as we have in the past, distributing flashing wristbands (courtesy of the AAATA) and safe trick-or-treating flyers.
 - d. Other - Winter biking talk (November) – Bob will plan to give these talks again this year.
6. Other Items – Announcements - Bike Ypsi will have a fall ride on October 21.
7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 4, 7pm at the downtown Library.