

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2021

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:03pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Jenny Connolly, Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Dylan Goings, Bob Krzewinski, and Helen Schulte (quorum met) . Also attending were City Public Services Department Project Manager Bonnie Wessler, City Planner Andy Aamodt, and City Council member Steve Wilcoxon.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input - Damien Guyton, of the Ypsilanti Wolfpack Cruiserz bicycle club, gave an update on his organization and invited everyone to the group rides in the spring.
3. General business
 - Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Davis; Seconded By: Committee Member Going. Approved: Yes – 6; No – 0.
 - Approval of November meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Schulte; Seconded By: Committee member Davis. Approved: Yes – 6; No – 0.
 - Bylaws review
 - i Committee member terms review – Committee members Going and Schulte’s terms expire at the end of January 2021. Both indicated they are willing to serve another term. Committee member Krzewinski will forward to the Planning Commission, for their January 20th meeting, for reappointment.
 - ii Committee member recommendation for Committee Chair position to the Planning Commission at their January 20, 2021 Planning Commission meeting - As per the Committee bylaws section 1.a, “During January of every odd-numbered year, the Planning Commission shall appoint a Committee Chair, taking in account the recommendation of the Committee members, to serve a two-year term of office.” After discussion, a motion was Offered By: Committee member Going; Seconded By: Committee member Davis, that the Planning Commission, at its next meeting, reappoint Committee member Krzewinski as Committee Chair for another two-year term. With no further discussion, the motion was approved: Yes – 6; No – 0. Committee member Krzewinski will forward to the Planning Commission the approved motion, for their January 20th meeting.
 - Committee Annual Report – This was reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission as well as City Council.
4. Old & continuing business
 - 2020 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Committee member Davis gave a report on his work to update the City Non-Motorized Plan and a discussion was held on Chapter Four (Vision and Goals). Committee members were encouraged to continue to offer feedback with Committee member Davis continuing to work with City Staff to move forward on a complete Non-Motorized Plan update draft.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements.
 - Create an annual City Curb Cut Priority List for 2021 - Committee member Krzewinski will start gathering public input for additions to the 2020 curb cut recommendation list and pass on new listings to City Public Services no later than June 1st.
 3. Pedestrian Improvements –Install permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at locations with a high incidence of speeding – North and South Mansfield (adjacent to Washtenaw International High School) and southbound Prospect south of City limit. – Briefly discussed

4. Bike Lanes
 - Sharrows at beginning and end of bike lanes – Short discussion was held.
 - Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor bicycle route improvements – Discussed teleconference meeting on November 16, 2020 called by the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition to improve bicycle facilities on Cross Street and Packard with Bonnie Wessler and Bob Krzewinski representing the City of Ypsilanti.
 5. Communication & Education
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter – Winter edition planned.
 - Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings – It was noted that Ypsilanti City Council Goal Sessions will be held January 12th and 19th at 6pm with traffic speeding and sidewalks being on the agenda for discussion.
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) and snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee – Committee sent communications out on social media to neighborhood groups reminding individuals about the City sidewalk snow removal ordinance. Also, more public education is needed on snow removal as the Public Services Department has placed a higher priority on sidewalk snow removal on City property and has acquired more sidewalk capable snow removal equipment.
 6. Non-Motorized City budget – Determine yearly, non-motorized project funding amount available. Committee involvement in CIP review and non-motorized project funding disbursement decisions – Briefly discussed.
 7. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic – Committee member Davis working on this with a draft map at <https://tinyurl.com/NeighborhoodConnect>
 8. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
 - Install “State Law – Yield For Pedestrians In Crosswalk” signs at mid-block B2B Trail crossing of Cornell Street between Collegewood and Mayhew – Committee member Krzewinski will discuss this with Public Services Department.
 9. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification (current BFC award expires in November 2021) – Sub-Committee needed to start working on renewal application. Committee member Krzewinski will forward information on to Committee members.
 10. Events & Community Outreach – Cold weather cycling talks. Committee member Krzewinski will contact Bike Ypsi to see if they can schedule a “get a jump on spring” teleconference in March that gives cooler weather riding advice.
 11. Safe Routes To School – No updates.
5. New Business
 - Upcoming City non-motorized improvements – Forest Avenue bridge (2022), Huron River Drive (2023 – Cornell to LeForge) – Bonnie Wessler discussed items with Committee.
 - City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – Short discussion of Washtenaw Area Transportation Study non-motorized short term demonstration project program for Ypsilanti in 2021 similar to what was done in Chelsea in 2020 - www.miwats.org/chelseapop.
 6. Other Items – Announcements - Next meeting: Monday, February 15, 7pm, Zoom teleconference.
 7. Adjournment - Offered By: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded By: Committee Member Schulte: Approved: Yes – 6; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.