

City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2021 – Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:06pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Dylan Goings, and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met) . Also attending were City Public Services Department Project Manager Bonnie Wessler and City Planner Andy Aamodt.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input – Kylah Le and Paul Chao attended the meeting, both with offers of assisting with non-motorized tasks in Ypsilanti. Committee member Krzewinski will coordinate with Kylah and Paul.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded By: Committee member Davis. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0.
 - b. Approval of April meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded By: Committee member Echols. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0.
 - c. Committee member Goings discussed attending a meeting concerning community benefits in the Water Street area development plan especially as they relate to non-motorized issues and will keep committee members apprised at future meetings.
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2020 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Committee member Davis reviewed the Plan update discussion following. A motion was made by Committee member Goings to approve the 2021 Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Plan update and forward it onto the Planning Commission. A second was made by Committee member Echols. Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0. The Non-Motorized Plan update will be forwarded to the Planning Commission at its May 19th meeting with a one month public input period expected for the Planning Commission takes final action on the document.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements – Information was contained in about curb cuts asking for public input. Comments will be gathered during the month of May, with any input forwarded on to the Public Services Department.
 3. Bike Lanes – No new developments.
 4. Communication & Education – The spring Non-Motorized Advisory Committee newsletter has been published with an alert out on social media about the document. Andy Aamodt will put a City web page news item out about the newsletter being available online.
 5. Border To Border Trail gap completion and enhancement – Bonnie Wessler indicated that a contract should be bid shortly for non-motorized improvements to the Grove Road Trail crossing of I-94.
 6. Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award – A recertification application must be completed by August 5, 2021 as the current award expires in November 2021. Also discussed was the America Walks Bike Friendly Community application which has upcoming deadlines of June 15 and December 15 in 2021 (Ypsilanti currently has a Honorable Mention status).
 - b. WATS Route Ypsi traffic calming program – Bonnie Wessler discussed the Route Ypsilanti project by the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) Route Ypsilanti project which involves implementing short term traffic calming ideas. Public input sessions were being held in mid-May with further information available at <http://www.miwats.org/route-ypsilanti>

5. New Business

- a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – Bonnie Wessler indicated that there would be public information meetings in the late summer on 2022 non-motorized improvements to Huron, Hamilton and Washtenaw by the Michigan Department of Transportation including non-motorized improvements to the Huron Street crossing of I-94. Andy Aamodt gave an update on the City Master Plan.
- b. Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor Bike Lane (Cross/Packard route) – It was reported that the city of Ann Arbor denied funding to expand bike lanes on Packard west of US 23. Another vote by the Ann Arbor City Council is expected during the summer.

6. Other Items – The next Committee meeting will be June 14, 2021, 7pm by Zoom teleconference.

7. Adjournment – Offered by: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded by: Committee member Goings: Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm