

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021 - Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order - The meeting was brought to order at 7:04pm by teleconference. Committee members attending were Mike Davis Jr., Renee Echols, Dylan Goings, Helen Schulte, and Bob Krzewinski (quorum met) . Also attending was City Planner Andy Aamodt. It was also noted by Committee member Krzewinski that Committee member Jenny Connolly is moving out of the City and turned in a resignation effective June 11, 2021.
2. Introductions - Audience participation - Public input - No audience participation.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded By: Committee member Echols. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0.
 - b. Approval of May 2021 meeting minutes - Offered By: Committee member Goings; Seconded By: Committee member Schulte. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2020 Committee priorities (Abbreviated List)
 1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Discussion was held on all comments received for the Plan update. While there were some simple “thank you” comments, a number of comments suggested additions and corrections. Commission member Davis will work with Andy Aamodt and Bonnie Wessler (City Public Services Department) to incorporate public input comments into the City Non-Motorized Plan update to be presented to the Planning Commission at their June 16, 2021 meeting.
 2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements. – Comments were solicited from City residents on possible additional sidewalk/curb-cut improvements during the month of May and none were received.
 3. Bike Lanes – No updates.
 4. Communication & Education
 - Summer Non-Motorized Committee newsletter deadline – August 1, 2021
 - EMU Bike Rodeo – EMU Convocation Center – 9am to noon – August 7. Non-Motorized Advisory Committee will have an information table with Committee member Krzewinski coordinating.
 - Parkridge Summer Festival – Noon to 3pm - August 28. Non-Motorized Advisory Committee will have an information table with Committee member Krzewinski coordinating along with finding a donation source for children’s bicycle helmets which the Committee has traditionally passed out at the Festival.
 - Washtenaw County Bike To Work Day – 7am to 9am, Beezy’s - September 17. Bob Krzewinski will coordinate an information table at Beezy’s on N. Washington Street.
 5. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement. Enhanced street crossing markings of Cornell Street have recently been added. Signage improvements and vegetation trimming (to improve the line of sight) still needed at the Cornell B2B crossing.

6. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification. Committee member Krzewinski working on updated application.
 - b. WATS Route Ypsi traffic calming program update - <http://www.miwats.org/route-ypsilanti> - Update given on WATS Route Ypsi web page indicating that temporary improvements will be deployed by the end of June.
 - c. MDOT 2022 Ypsilanti non-motorized projects – Committee member Davis indicated public information meetings will be held in the late summer to cover non-motorized improvements to Huron Street, Hamilton Street, and Washtenaw Avenue along with the Huron Street bridge over I-94.
5. New Business
 - a. City Planning Department and Public Services Department updates – No new updates.
 - b. Other – Committee members Davis and Krzewinski will take part in a meeting June 15th called by the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition to seek bicycle improvements between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti using West Cross Street and Packard Road.
 6. Other Items – Announcements - Next meeting will be Thursday, July 8th, 7pm via Zoom teleconference.
 7. Adjournment - Offered by: Committee member Krzewinski; Seconded by: Committee member Davis: Approved: Yes – 4; No – 0 (Committee member Echols had to leave before adjournment). Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee 2020-21 Priorities (Complete List)

1. City Non-Motorized Plan – Complete update.
2. Sidewalk curb cut inventory & improvements.
 - Create an annual City Curb Cut Priority List
 - Create a City Curb Cut deficiency list
3. Pedestrian Improvements – (Signage, road markings, permanent radar speed signs at select locations, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon, traffic calming. Concentrate on where most pedestrian activity occurs)
 - Continue current efforts with MDOT on in-City State Route pedestrian improvements (i.e. Huron, West Cross, Washtenaw, Hamilton, Michigan).
 - Install permanent (i.e. solar powered) radar speed signs at locations with a high incidence of speeding.
 - Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) demonstration project
4. Bike Lanes
 - West Cross Street
 - Harriet/Spring/Factory/Maus
 - Spring repainting of existing bike lanes
 - Sharrows at beginning and end of bike lanes
5. Communication & Education

- Invite Mayor, City Council, Planning/Sustainability Commission members, City Manager, Police Chief, Public Services Director to Committee meetings.
 - Publish quarterly Non-Motorized Committee newsletter.
 - Review City Council, Planning Commission, Sustainability Commission agendas for possible Committee input at their meetings.
 - Spring bicycle safety education program for both motorists and bicyclists
 - Sidewalk/Curb Cut vegetation (summer) snow removal (winter) promotion by Committee
 - Amplify public notice of Commission/City Council projects that impact non-motorized activities
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.
 7. Neighborhood Connectors - Low-speed street which has been "optimized" for bicycle & walking traffic. Potential projects: Adams (Cross to Forest), Pearl (Hamilton to Mansfield), 2nd Avenue (Michigan to Watling).
 8. Border To Border (B2B) Trail gap completion and enhancement.
 - Support City and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission efforts to complete the Trail through the City.
 - Install “State Law – Stop For Pedestrians In Crosswalk” signs at mid-block B2B Trail crossing of Cornell Street between Collegewood and Mayhew.
 9. Bike & Walk Friendly Communities
 - Submit Walk Friendly Community application when Non-Motorized Plan update complete
 - Bike Friendly Community (BFC) award recertification (current BFC award expires in November 2021)
 - Bike Friendly Business program drive
 10. Events & Community Outreach – B2B Trail walks, cold weather cycling talks, EMU August Bike Rodeo, Parkridge Festival, Halloween safe trick-or-treating. Seek grants for helmet giveaways for events the Committee is at.
 11. Safe Routes To School