



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Susan Arlin
- b. Sue Lover
- c. Bill Gesaman
- d. Maria Taylor
- e. Chris Weber
- f. Tim Prince
- g. Brent Bartman
- h. Joe VanDerZanden - Absent
- i. Kevin Christiansen - Absent

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brent moved to approve, supported by Sue Lover

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2021
- b. Maria T. moved to approve, supported by Bill G

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. OLD FARMINGTON ROAD BRIDGE

- i. (Eastern Michigan Update) EMU has taken on the project for this year's large projects class, Fall Semester.
- ii. Sue will ask if we might expect to see the proposals by the end of the year.
- iii. Proposal is specifically for the bridge, pathway/road is not included.
- iv. DDA might be able to help with grant proposals, but do not have budget/jurisdiction to spend.
- v. General discussion about who should be involved before EMU students come to look at the property. DPW, This Committee, DDA(?)

b. CHATHAM HILLS DRAKE PARK CONNECTION DESIGNS

- i. Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) is involved, see Longacre topic below.
- ii. City Engineer walked the area and gave a preliminary assessment that this work is actionable pending deeper investigation.
- iii. Two main options for crossing the bridge.

1. Straight line running East/West to the base of the hill, south of where the river crosses Smithfield rd. (Involves two homeowners plus condo association.)
 2. Cross on North side of River, but this involves more work and additional property owners. 3 Homeowners plus Condo association.
- iv. SRTS large projects could contribute up to \$220k if we are chosen.
 - v. General discussion of pathway material that could be used (crushed limestone, asphalt, other)
 - vi. General discussion of path maintenance. City and school do not maintain cut-throughs to Oakland or Drake Heights and would not maintain this path.
 - vii. Safe routes will have some involvement and may propose other options.
- c. DISCUSSION WITH LONGACRE PRINCIPAL RHONDA HENRY REGARDING PATH AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PARTICIPATION
- i. Reviewed letter from Principal Henry supporting this project.
 - ii. Principal Henry has registered the Longacre with SRTS, and received confirmation. Awaiting assignment of a grant coordinator from SRTS.
 1. Mentioned that Longacre sees a dip in attendance during winter potentially due to lack of an easy path to the school, and no busing availability (too close to school for busses).
 - iii. Susan mentioned that we are at a decision point, and this will involve significant effort from this group to coordinate.
 - iv. General positive feelings from the committee, and discussion about who can help muster support from outside groups such as PTA, HOA, Apartment Owner.
 - v. After Grant coordinator is assigned, committee will support.
- d. M-5 CROSSING INCIDENT FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC SAFETY
- i. Farmington Public Safety director took a look at the area and confirmed the state of disrepair. After talking with Farmington Hills Public Safety he found that no incidents had been reported.
 - ii. Bill read an email from Karen Mondor of FHills, confirming MDOT is the owner of the bridge and responsible for any ground level connectors (pavement, sidewalk, crossing) Karen will get preliminary cost estimate.
 - iii. Bill will ask Karen when public hearing is scheduled.
 - iv. Suggestions for other groups who could help promote this: Run Club
- e. FUNDING OF FARMINGTON HILLS NON-MOTORIZED STUDY
- i. Bill will ask Karen M. if the study was approved by council.
- f. COUNCIL PRESENTATION
- i. Develop presentation to review as a group in September for presentation at October 4 Council Meeting.
 - ii. Chris mentioned that it makes sense to delay the presentation until after the November Council election, into Dec or even Jan, Feb.
 - iii. Committee agreed to this.
- g. MARKING PATHWAYS AND DEVELOPING ROUTES
- i. Brent showed a draft of some potential biking-

- ii. Market master Walt mentioned the Walkabout group who lead historic tours downtown, Susan reached out but has not gotten a response. Maria knows them, and will ask.
 - 1. Can we get reports on Bike accidents in Far.
- iii. Brent will send out some options for a bike ride before the next meeting.
- iv. Chris mentioned SEMCOG provides funding for bike lanes, and their focus is East West traffic on 9mile & 8Mile.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

- a. Maria talked to a resident along Shiawassee who asked for an additional crosswalk between the Farmington and Grand River intersection.
- b. Chris mentioned that City hall parking lot on E side of the building will be connected to the Gr Rv sidewalk to allow pedestrians who park at the library or city hall to reach the Grand River Sidewalk without cutting through the parking lot.

b. NEXT STEPS – None Discussed

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment this week

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

No additional committee member comments

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 Moved by Maria, Tim supported.

Next meeting: August 11, 2021