



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

Minutes - Draft

May 11, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Susan Arlin at 7:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Susan Arlin

Tim Prince

Chris Weber

Brent Bartman

Kevin Christiansen

Joe VanDerZanden

Sue Lover

Maria Taylor

Absent:

Bill Gesaman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Brent, approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 13, 2022

Maria moved to approve the minutes without change and was seconded by Sue Lover. Approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2022 WORK PLAN – reviewed project items on the work plan and determined committee members by volunteer to be primarily responsible for plan items.

-Bike Routes to Downtown – Brent

-Bike lanes on Shiawasee – Brent

-Chatham Hills to Drake Pathway – Sue

-9 Mile bike path – Tim

-Dead man's bridge and barrier gate – Susan and Sue

-M5 bridge – Bill

-Raphael sidewalk – Joe

-Freedom Rd. should West of Drake – Brent

-Crosswalk at Krazy Crab – Maria

- Sidewalk review – Tim
- Develop and execute community input plan – Susan & Maria
- History Walk – partner with Kevin Parkins – newly appointed to the historical commission
- Bike repair stand - Brent
- b. PATHWAYS COMMITTEE EMAIL SET UP -  
[PATHWAYS@FARMGOV.COM](mailto:PATHWAYS@FARMGOV.COM) – new email for Pathways committee to receive communication from the community, Chris will monitor and share messages with the committee
- c. SMART UPDATE  
Brent shared that he spoke with Brandon at SMART and learned that there are attendants responsible for upkeep of all SMART bus stops including snow removal, but understaffed and prioritize higher volume stops  
Kevin also spoke with someone at smart about possible enclosures and reported that they are not inclined to add any enclosures without high demand from the public and that there are no current plans to make any changes or updates to our local bus stops.  
It was discussed that perhaps this is best not to further explore at this time and prioritize other areas
- d. UPDATE ON SORROWS PARKING LOT  
Discussed the existing sidewalk on Raphael ending alongside the parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, issues involved in extending the parking lot, city only using it at Founder Festival and future building projects possibly including changes to the side walk and surrounding area that this project may be best revisited later and scheduled after others.
- e. UPDATE ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
Sue – Provided update from Action Plan meeting the previous Wednesday with Safe Routes to School including community involvement.  
-Grant applying for at this point would be for 2025.  
-Parental/community participation primarily included concerns about traffic and speeding as well as areas without sidewalks including Arundel St. at Wesley, Longacre, and Whittaker.  
-City engineers assessing cost by the end of the week.  
-Grant could be up to \$220,000.  
-This project and funding expected to be brought up at City Council meeting Monday 5/16.
- f. UPDATE ON 9 MILE PATHWAY  
Chris attended meeting on the Pathway earlier in the week and gave update:  
-Project is progressing with involved city managers of involved local cities all interested to connect 275 bike trail to Woodward with a path, SEMCOG to apply for a \$50k grant and plan to match \$50k.  
-OHM engineers putting together a proposal for the application due on 5/27.  
It is unknown so far exact route of the pathway and there was some discussion during Pathways meeting of the ideal route through Farmington and opportunities to connect to biking routes within the city and connect and attract bikers to downtown.
- g. UPDATE ON FLANDERS PARK ACCESS

Kevin provided update: Farmington Hills is focusing on nearby roadwork with no plans for sidewalk or pathway work in that area at this time. May be done in the future and can be revisited, would need involvement of Farmington Hills residents interested in a pathway connection to the park.

h. 2022 SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

Sidewalks have been marked for replacement in Belaire neighborhood for later this year.

i. FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape UPDATE

Project construction is set to begin soon, likely soon after Memorial Day.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS

-Susan mentioned she is still trying to arrange a date for a field trip bike ride with local bike group to explore bike routes and get their perspective on biking and bike routes in Farmington.

-Brent suggested recording the use of of the new parking spots on Shiawassee between Farmington and Grand River that have been discussed for replacement by bike lanes. He suggested use of an Iphone app for recording usage of parking spots, plans were made for Brent to send out the app to committee members to begin to use and were subsequently sent out.

-Susan suggested continuation of the sidewalk from School St. to the pavilion on the North side of Grand River. There is a sidewalk that goes halfway between School St. and the gazebo then stops.

b. MAXFIELD TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT

-Kevin presented details from that Monday's planning meeting on some elements of the project including planning of the housing units and possible traffic flow access and proposed walking elements.

-Plans to include walking access to Shiawassee Park

-Connection to Grand River through proposed Promenade Art Park necessitating the removal of two city owned houses with space for art installations, walking and public use, and involvement in events such as Art on the Grand.

-Development currently projected for Summer of 2023 - 2024 and construction between 2024 – 2026

-Traffic issues discussed around proposed closing of access to Warner St. from Thomas St. and usage to reach Grand River.

c. SHIAWASSEE PARK PROJECT

Discussed slightly during the above item, primarily design possibilities for replace or improving the stairs and bridge to the park from downtown and related issues with cost and stability to do a switchback path as opposed to stairs.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

-Maria identified that residents of the historic neighborhood North of Grand River and West of the Maxfield project regularly walk behind the Maxfield building to

reach the stairs to Shiawasse Park and would likely prefer that development plans allow for this access and provide a path or sidewalk. It was discussed that pedestrians would likely walk a dirt path into grass there if no path were provided.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Maria moved to adjourn, seconded by Sue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next meeting: June 8, 2022