



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:01 called to order by Sue Lover

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Lover

Tim Prince

Kevin Christiansen

Joe VanDerZanden

Maria Taylor

Brent Batman

Chris Weber

Absent:

Susan Arlin

Bill Gesaman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda to include item 4 b. – moved by Tim and supported by Brent. The agenda was approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 10, 2022

b. Meeting Minutes, September 7, 2022

-Brent moved to approve the minutes of both meetings, supported by Maria. Approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. GILL ROAD CROSSWALKS AT GRAND RIVER AND FREEDOM-  
Chris – Both crosswalks are now completed, as of mid - August

b. M-5 OVERPASS UPDATE –

Chris shared that Farmington Hills was approved for a \$300k grant through MDOT to improve the pedestrian bridge over M-5 as well as adding crosswalks, sidewalk improvements, and flashing beacons. To be completed in 2024.

c. CROSSWALK AT CRAZY KRAB ON GRAND RIVER-

Kevin – Spoke with Matt Parks at OHM about revisiting an old plan that included adding a crosswalk at this location. OHM is currently busy on

other projects but there is a plan to set up meeting with MDOT about adding this crosswalk.

- d. COMMUNITY INPUT ON EXISTING AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS-  
Maria – Updated that she and Susan are working on this project, the related one pager has been written and is awaiting Susan’s comments, then will move further
- e. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE  
Chris – Shared that a voicemail and email were received from one of the three residents on property for routes. He was polite and supportive of the city making updates, but was clear that he did not want a path on his property.  
Sue suggested talking to Adam Jenks @ safe routes for any tips or suggestions for encouraging feedback from residents.
- f. SHIAWASSEE ROAD CAR COUNTER UPDATE  
Committee members will all send their car counts to Brent to compile for the next meeting.
- g. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE  
Chris attending most recent meeting and Tim was unable to join as attendance was limited to one person per community.  
No engineers attended the meeting but reported intent to have concept of the pathway completed within the next year and signs posting future locations of the pathway.
- h. ONE PAGER UPDATE  
Still in process. One pagers for the 9 Mile Nonmotorized Pathway and the one for Community Outreach are still being worked on
- i. SIDEWALK PROGRAM UPDATE  
Tim – Reported and led discussion that sidewalk work seemed to have ended or slowed, with work completed being primarily ADA ramps on corners being added and redone to have more gradual grades, sidewalk square replacements primarily focused on main roads like Shiawassee, and not concentrated as much on the Belair neighborhood as had been expected. Chris confirmed that work was wrapping up for this year and will start up again in 2023.
- j. MAXFIELD TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE  
Kevin – Updated that revised development plan is under review, goes through several steps and committees with the Downtown Development Committee being next, followed by the Planning Commission, then a public hearing will be scheduled, maybe in November, then it goes to the City Council.  
Committee discussed reviewing the planning package once posted on the city website to make and record comments to submit to the Planning Committee and perhaps have committee member(s) attend and participate in public hearing to have input in plans to include walkability features.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION OF “1 THING” LEARNED FROM DETROIT GREENWAYS COALITION
- Sue shared that following the presentation, Todd from Detroit Greenways Coalition shared that he would like to see M-5 developed into something similar to Hines Drive, with parks and improved greenspaces.
  - Tim –Shared hearing in the presentation that traffic tends to slow down nearby traffic and thought could be applied to Grand River from downtown out to near A&W, maybe draw in business with connectivity. Kevin pointed out that there are plans for this in the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Streetscape project, which has meetings Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 8 am at Farmington City Hall.
  - Maria –Shared that she liked the point made about focusing on branding and giving projects “motivating names” can help gain community excitement and support for a project.
  - Chris – Restated that including into projects aspects of improving storm water management and bringing nature to underserved communities can help access funding for projects.
  - Kevin – suggested Pathways Committee could develop a pathways masterplan and then get incorporated into the city masterplan, which can aid in accessing grant money for projects.
  - Joe – Pointed out that statements made about meeting the community where they are to get suggestions and input and that even more helpful was educating the community on what is possible and could help them. Suggested consulting with more experts and the committee educating themselves on pathway development to bring that information to the committee in developing projects. Also repeated the ideas mentioned of consulting with wheelchair advocates and AARP to better understand mobility needs.
  - Brent and Sue – brought up developing some social media presence. Maria shared that the city would set up and maintain accounts and could give a committee member access as an editor. The city can also post on the city facebook page on behalf of the committee.
  - Sue suggested giving thought to posts and discussing further at next meeting.
  - Sue – brought up the resources of SEMCOG and suggested spending time as a committee exploring their website and how to make use of the information on it, funding opportunities, and the possibility of SEMCOG assessing our community and it’s needs.
  - Sue made plans to connect with the Walkabout group to connect and collaborate.
  - Chris – Pointed out finding on the Greenways website that portions of sales at some stores can fund Detroit Greenways projects and could explore similarly getting funding this way.
- b. OAK PARK OUTING TO TOUR NEW LINEAR PARK ON 9 MILE  
Chris made a list of committee members present planning on attending, which were: Chris, Sue, Maria, Brent, and Joe.
- c. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE CITY?  
Savvy sliders at the old OTC Bank is progressing  
Road, sidewalk work recent and ongoing.  
Lots of repurposing and redevelopment happening.

Old Winery recently toured again to check conditions, still being shopped and nothing moving forward. Still privately owned by the same family.

d. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT None

9. ADJOURNMENT Maria moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim, @ 8:54 pm

Next meeting: October 12, 2022