



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

January 9, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER - by Susan Arlin at 7:03 pm
2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Susan Arlin  
Tim Prince  
Sue Lover  
Kevin Christiansen  
Joe VanDerZanden  
Brent Bartman  
Maria Taylor  
Chris Weber

Absent:

Bill Gesaman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Tim moved to approve and was supported by Maria, unanimously approved
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 14, 2022 -Sue moved to approve the Minutes and was supported by Brent, approved unanimously
5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Majority Vote)

- a. Chairperson – Run meetings, establish subcommittees, prepare Annual Report  
Maria nominated Sue Lover, declined  
Tim was nominated and unanimously supported.
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Run meetings in Chairperson’s absence  
Maria nominated Sue Lover. Sue accepted, unanimously accepted.
- c. Secretary – Take and prepare minutes, prepare correspondence  
Joe was nominated, accepted, and unanimously supported.

At this point Tim took over running the meeting as the new Chairperson, as Susan Arlin was thanked for her time on the committee and as chairperson as she is stepping down from both. New committee member will join at next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL – Tim shared that he and Brent have begun work on a powerpoint presentation based on Tim’s presentation from last year,

decided best to start with using the one page project summaries. Discussed which projects to include in the presentation, considering:

Safe Routes to School

9 Mile Non-motorized Trail

Sidewalk project

M-5 Overpass Update

Maxfield Training Center Project

Paving Flanders Riverwalk

New crosswalks on Gill Rd., using social media post

Discussed getting pictures of the projects to include in the presentation

b. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE

Received some citizen feedback, One response preferring the Shiawassee route over using Grand River as a route.

Committee identified their own findings that a bike route up the hill on Shiawassee cannot work due to the narrow road making it necessary to divert from Shiawassee likely at Power then either turning on Grand River downtown or going through the neighborhood south of Grand River.

c. SEMCOG BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY

Bill has not received response about meeting in May, reached back out this week.

d. CROSSWALK AT KRAZY KRAB ON GRAND RIVER UPDATE

Kevin spoke with OHM about Pathways Committee's suggestions of alternative crosswalk locations to School Street -in front of Krazy Krab or near the Side Car Slider Bar location. They stated they could support an alternative location and pursue with MDOT, consider needed changes such as change of speed limits. It was noted that there is escrow funding from Krazy Krab for this project.

e. COMMUNITY INPUT ON EXISTING AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Chris reviewed feedback and comments from Pathways Committee's first Facebook post, about the new Gill Rd. crosswalks. – Responses about the crosswalk were positive.

- One commenter asked about adding a crosswalk to enter the parking lot at the top of Shiawassee Park to access on foot. Committee discussed feasibility and limitations including lack of a stop sign, no sidewalks, and existence of the curb. Also discussed that that parking lot may not remain when the park is redone, which currently is in planning.

- Another comment mentioned safety concerns/need for stop signs on Grove St traveling north and south to protect pedestrians crossing Grove St between the shopping centers. Committee agreed that traffic issues in these area are common, members having frequently seen drivers not yielding to pedestrians and having conflict over right away as well as instances of people driving the wrong way.

- Committee unanimously decided to recommend the city add stop signs on Grove St. both north and south of the pedestrian crosswalks between shopping centers and that public safety and traffic engineers explore additional signage regarding one way traffic.

- Susan shared that she was approached in person with a request to bring up the possibility of increased policing of drivers exceeding speed limits and not yielding to pedestrians in order to increase safety. Maria shared that city council had discussed and requested this months prior but is unsure why there has not yet been follow-up. Maria shared that the current, updated ordinance is that drivers must stop if pedestrians are standing on the ADA curb, not requiring that they be in the crosswalk for drivers to have to stop.

- The possibility of increased lighting at crosswalks was discussed to further explore.

f. SHIAWASSEE ROAD CAR COUNTER UPDATE

- Brent stated he would bring data to next meeting to provide an update
- g. FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape UPDATE  
Chris - Farmington is fully open again, finish work will commence in May requiring closing the road for 2 weeks to finish, uncertain if it is both sides that will be closed.  
Suggested city consider making an isolated left turn lane on west bound Grand River to turn south onto Farmington Rd. to improve traffic flow and safety
    - i. Enterprise Park – 32k in donations so far that the state will match and also an additional 15k not eligible to be matched. Naming rights donation received as well, total of 47k raised so far.  
Grant from DTE funds gift cards for downtown Farmington businesses for \$25 donations on the fundraising website.
  - h. MAXFIELD TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
    - i. Riley to Shiawassee Park Pathway  
Project reduced one more unit, due to being too close to edge of the hill, down to 53 units allowing for space for the recommended pathway across the north side of the site connecting to the path from the south.  
It was shared that the planning commission received and considered the Pathways Committee's suggestions.  
Project currently in 4<sup>th</sup> step of development in front of city council to go through Brownfield redevelopment before developer closes on the site and begins site remediation. Project continues to move forward.  
Reviewed proposed design for pathway to Shiawassee Park including a sloping path that would not include stairs and other possibilities to replace and maintain stairs.
    - i. FARMINGTON HILLS REPRESENTATIVE  
Chris spoke with Ellen in special services for Farmington Hills about a city representative participating in the Pathways Committee and sent her information about the committee, have yet to hear back from her, have not yet determined which month will attend meeting.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?  
Sidewalk flags on the driveway to Nail Bytes identified as broken in past meeting, has been noted and marked for replacement.  
Cannelle Patisserie replacing Kickstart Farmington. Will be retail, not baking on site. Will be improving outside area, sidewalk and connectivity, use public right of way sidewalk along the side of the building for outdoor patio seating.
- b. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?
  - i. Resident Request to Pave Shiawassee Park Paths  
A resident suggested paving the paths on Shiawassee to make accessible to wheelchairs. It was acknowledged that this could open up to more users, would then add snow clearing and maintaining work and costs, could be considered in park renovation plans.
  - ii. Maria – suggestion of a bump out section on Gill
  - iii. Gill Rd. at Arundel stop signs. Kevin – Chuck is aware, will need study and justification to make that change including vehicle and pedestrian counts. Committee recommending this location be studied for adding stop signs to slow down traffic and increase pedestrian safety including that it is a school route.
- c. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER – Council to make appointment 1/17/23  
Opening was posted on facebook, received just one application and will be considered by City Council on 1/17.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT - None

10. ADJOURNMENT - 8:59 pm, moved by Brent and seconded by Maria

Next meeting: FEBRUARY 8, 2023