

## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

LOCATION: Conference Room at City Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

MAY 13, 2026

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 pm by Heather Davies
2. ROLL CALL Present: Heather Davies, Maria Taylor, Joe VanDerZanden, Tim Prince, Kevin Daniels Absent: Chris Weber, Jamie Palmisano, Dave Haering,
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Maria moved to approve, seconded by Tim. Approved unanimously.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 8, 2026 Kevin moved to approve, seconded by Maria. Approved unanimously.
  - b. MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 29, 2026 Kevin moved to approve, seconded by Maria. Approved unanimously.
5. MONTHLY INSPO - Kevin
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. STRIPING ON FREEDOM ROAD BY M-5 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING  
No painted crosswalk on the north side of the M-5 Pedestrian bridge. Farmington / Farmington Hills said it is scheduled to be restriped when they are next restriping.
  - b. FREEDOM POOP The bags of dog poop have been cleaned up by The Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club but new bags have appeared. Farmington Public Safety looking to set up a camera to catch the perpetrator.
  - c. ORCHARD LAKE AND MOONEY STREET PARKING BLOCKS  
No update yet available at the time of this meeting.
  - d. SHIAWASSEE PARK ACCESS POINTS DISCUSSION AND PRIORITIZATION  
Identified priority access points for the park. Planned to discuss next steps at the next meeting. Discussed funding options including adding to Tap Grant application for the boardwalk.  
Did not get awarded the AARP grant, there is some possibility of an opportunity for a grant through a local AARP local chapter that could be explored in the future.
7. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?  
Kevin – Community concern about the deterioration of the surface of Gill Rd. Current planning is up in the air whether the ends will be fixed later this year or if it will wait until the full project. Identified desire to improve pedestrian access and try to get bike lanes as part of the project. Maria – Comments on Pathways presentation to City Council. – More complaints of traffic not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks downtown, particularly crossing Grand River at Starbucks, and pedestrians frequently crossing outside of crosswalks. Concerns stated about pedestrian safety with cars turning at Farmington and Grand River while pedestrians are crossing Grand River in the crosswalk. The committee planned to look into traffic data on how many pedestrians have been hit at this location. MDOT's suggestion to reduce the number of signs on Grand River at Liberty Street was mentioned with the question of if the signs have been reduced and if not, if that should take place. It was planned to check on this, or if all the signs are deemed necessary. Heather – Led planning to conduct a pedestrian count at the proposed additional crosswalk locations on Grand River for committee members to conduct the counts as volunteers. Reviewed MDOT criteria of 20 pedestrians crossing in any one hour, or 18 per hour over 2 consecutive hours, with children, elderly, and handicapped people counting as 2 people. Identified tentative dates and events in June and July to plan for conducting counts and willing volunteers and planned to further discuss and solidify plans at the June meeting.
  - b. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS? None identified.
8. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT None

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:36 pm by Heather

Next meeting: JUNE 10, 2026