



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Prince, Joe VanDerZanden, Heather Davies, Jamie Palmisano, Chris Weber, Maria Taylor

Absent: Bill Gesaman, Sue Lover

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Heather and supported by Maria, approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Motion to approve by Jamie and supported by Heather, approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. GRAND RIVER PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SURVEY UPDATE

-The survey has been tested and is ready to be posted to the city website and to be sent out in the upcoming water bill. The committee planned to look at the results at the January meeting but likely will continue to accept responses after the meeting to obtain additional responses.

-Methods were discussed to reach people living in apartments along Grand River, near many of the prospective crosswalk locations, including mailing surveys to apartment residents, posting on Facebook pages of apartment complexes, and putting up posters. Maria volunteered to design a poster and a mailer to send out and post at local businesses and at bus stops, both containing a QR code to access the survey.

b. 9LINE UPDATE

Chris provided an update on the most recent 9 Mile Pathway Committee meeting. Three additional Oakland County city commissioners have been added to the committee from the cities of Ferndale, Southfield, and South Lyon. The Oakland County Parks and Rec Millage passed in the last election and will be used for funding for the project. A preliminary report for the project has been completed to the west end of Oakland County. The meeting included discussion about hiring staff to work on the project, particularly for grant writing.

c. GILL ROAD "SCHOOL" PAVEMENT MARKING UPDATE

-This was suggested to city engineers, which they said can be done and incorporated into plans. The narrowing of the ends of Gill Rd. is being considered. It is unknown if including bike route markers is being considered.

-City planners said it was best not to add a stop sign at Alta Loma, but could look into adding a blinking light at the crossing. It was suggested that funding could be obtained through a grant for the blinking light. Suggested that a solar powered light could save costs of running wires to power the lights.

d. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON JANUARY 21

Reviewed planned projects to include in the upcoming presentation to City Council and adding updated specifics on the 9 Line with map and rapid flashing beacon placement.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. NEW PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The open position on the committee will be posted on the city website and Facebook page to recruit a new member.

b. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

-Heather suggested reposting the Pathways Committee email address online and encouraging community input and communication.

-Joe shared that the tree obstructing the sidewalk on Power that the code enforcement officer sent notice to the home owner has yet to be trimmed. Also identified that portions of sidewalk on the east side of both Power and Maple, south of Grand River, are lower than the surrounding lawns and are narrowed by sod growing over the edges of the sidewalk. It was thought that the city likely could do nothing to correct this although home owners could choose to improve the issue by edging the lawns.

c. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

-Chris shared that he took a walk with a city engineer recently along the south side of the river along Shiawassee Park to explore the Rouge River Trail concept. They spoke with several business owners along Grand River who reacted positively to the plan and were willing to give right away for such a project. The committee discussed the work and funding that would be necessary for the project to reinforce the river's edge as it is a flood zone, and likely build a boardwalk. Would need to work with business owners and nearby condos.

-Thomas street streetscape project is upcoming with a meeting happening tomorrow. Improvements will be made on Thomas Street between Farmington Road and Warner Street, including redesigning of the north side to be more pedestrian friendly and improvements to rough sidewalks on the south side.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Pathways Committee planned for a shortened meeting on January 8th to be followed by a pickleball outing.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:07 pm

Next meeting: JANUARY 8, 2025