



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE
LOCATION: Conference Room at City Hall

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

AUGUST 12, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER Heather called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Davies, Tim Prince, Dave Haering, Chris Weber, Maria Taylor, Kevin Daniels, Joe Van der Zanden (arrived 7:17pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamie Palmisano

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED MT with addition of moving public comment to item 6, SUPPORT KEVIN. ALL AYES

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 8, 2026

MOVED MT, SUPPORT KEVIN. ALL AYES

5. MONTHLY INSPO - Kevin

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Schiffman, 31609 Shaw

Discussed connectivity in east Farmington. Appreciates Lakeway crosswalk effort, said neighbors do as well. Feels more people will cross when crosswalk is there and speeds slow due to pedestrian island. Looking at how do we slow traffic down, has observed people 60mph+ from Orchard Lake into town. There is 35mph at GR/Violet, but has observed a lot of traffic comes from Orchard Lake – no speed limit sides from there to Radio Shack if you turn onto Grand River at Orchard Lake. Could we put up some signs?

Also, going east, there's a sign 35mph at Sidecar, Silver Dairy, but none until past Orchard Lake. This whole area of the "Audobaun" is non signed. East Farmington just wants to walk or bike to Silver Dairy. Spoke about lack of awareness of speed limit in that area. Requested speed limit sign/s.

Could we get a blinking solar powered sign for "corner of death" across from Riverview Ct?

Also, talked to some guys at MDOT at CK Mediterranean (it was actually the Bridge Division) and was told the sidewalk could technically be moved back because there's 8 feet of flat behind the guardrail – city would have to request.

Resident Comment

Presented research on blight at Radio Shack. It is used as a parking lot for adjacent Dana Pharmacy LTC. Both are owned by Nasser Taghavi.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. GRAND RIVER PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

Need to complete last 2 counts:

Mayfield/Maple: Tues Aug 18, 6-7pm. Volunteers: Heather, Dave, Kevin (alternate)

Gill or Whittaker: Aug 28 noon, backup Sept 1 6pm. Volunteers: Maria, Kevin.

b. TARGET AREA UPDATE FROM PRIOR MEETING

i. GILL ROAD SPEED TEST RESULTS

Speed wagon ran for 45-day period this summer (mid-June to end of July) by Gill/Arundel measuring southbound traffic off Grand River. By hour, the average is below speed limit. Most are in 16-30mph rate. Public Safety assessment: it's a huge sample size, shows compliance.

Kevin noted this is the data where the speed wagon is out and people can see it, and might slow down in response. MT asked whether the speed was shown on wagon; not known. Kevin said anecdotally, he has heard cars whizzing by.
This study was done in response to citizen complaint reported via MT, requesting speed bumps and stop signs. Chris will follow up with citizen / will tell MT if needs contact.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

Heather: Two people fell during Color Run on Power Road south of Grand River, between GR and Freedom. Thinks City should walk the route beforehand and make sure it's safe. Also wants City to patch road there in general. Chris will get this to Founders Festival organizers and DPW.

Kevin: Asked how it's decided which roads to repave. Chris and MT talked about PASER ratings and coordinating with water/sewer projects. Kevin noted that arrangement of seating and chairs in Art Park is blocking most of the path.

Tim: Great job getting manhole cover fixed on Power.

Dave: Who is responsible for bushes on sidewalk on north side of freedom between Power and M5 pedestrian bridge? (FH) Heather suggested reporting it to FH via their website.

Heather: Hollow top part of tree in Shiawassee Park should be removed. Will hurt someone if it falls.

MT: Chris followed up on the "lip" on sidewalk near Hillside Townes – will eventually be paved once the last home is built, Robertson to paint in meantime to draw attention to it.

b. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

Committee discussed new stores coming to Farmington.

Chris mentioned lighting along sidewalk from Hillside Townes to boardwalk. Provided updates on Farmington Place renovations, discussed possibility of community benefits. Pathways Committee expressed desire to give input on community benefits that are pedestrian related.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Tim reminded the committee that the "old guys" brought snacks and there have been NONE since! Kevin will do September. Maria will do October. Joe will do Nov. Heather will do Dec. Note, we have some gluten allergies on the committee and at least one vegan.

MT brought up the chimney log bonfire. Will check Oct 14 with Sean Murphy because he has a firepit big enough to burn it. If that works, we'll move the meeting to 6pm. Party will be at 7.

Chris: SEMCOG having ebike/emoto meeting, 1-3pm, Sept 2 at their Detroit office. Will forward this to group – City will reimburse the cost for committee members. SEMCOG also having a bicycle training course for developing bicycle facilities and related infrastructure, Thurs Sept 20, 8:30am-5pm in Ann Arbor. Register by Aug 28.

Heather: Suggested self-guided fall walking event between Pathways and Beautification Committees, where you can win a "prize" for participating. Safety tips, community highlights. Heather and Anah Soble to put together a proposal.

Committee planning to go look at bridge area on Grand River after meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED MT, SUPPORT KEVIN. ALL AYES

Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Next meeting: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Minutes submitted by Maria Taylor