



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

Minutes - Approved

March 10, 2021

- CALL TO ORDER
 - Susan Arlin called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- ROLL CALL

All members present

 - Susan Arlin
 - Brent Bartman
 - Bill Gesaman
 - Sue Lover
 - Tim Prince
 - Joe VanDerZanden
 - Maria Taylor
 - Chris Weber
 - Kevin Christiansen
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - Moved to approve by Tim Prince
 - Supported by Maria Taylor
 - Passed with all in favor
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2021
 - Sue Lover moved to approve
 - Bill G. Supported
 - Approved unanimously
- OLD BUSINESS
 - REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEMBER INTERESTS AND PRIORITIES (See Handout 'Review of Pathways Committee Interests...')
 - Kevin C. gave an update on the recently approved Maxfield Training Center (MTC) concept. Next steps for the city are negotiations, which will take 6-9months before a Planned Unit Development agreement is made. Construction work expected to start in Spring of 2022.
 - For reference: city zoning docs chapter 35 gives the base standards for building height, materials, sq footage and such.
 - Susan asked how we could leverage the group's thoughts for MTC rather than as individuals for input to the project.

- Kevin responded saying that the group could review and make a 'Pathways Committee recommendation' to the city.
 - Tram/Trolley car concept generated some questions, and Kevin mentioned that the City of Farmington Downtown area plan 2015 shows other ideas for connecting the park to this development and the city.
- M-5 Pedestrian bridge is in Farmington Hills, not City of Farmington - Pathways Committee should reach out to Karen Mondora (FH DPS director) in late June to find out if this 'non-motorized improvement budget' is approved.
 - Chris W. will send Karen's contact.
 - Bill G. will make this call in June.
- 10 Mile Sidewalk near between Farmington and Power- Kevin C: Developer will complete the sidewalk for the new Liberty Hill development. (Where the half-circle drive currently exists.) Developers will also connect the sidewalk to span the additional ~50' gap.
- Raphael Sidewalk between the bus garage and Our Lady of Sorrows extending N to 10mile.
 - Some discussion on the best way to connect and complete the sidewalk.
 - Safe Routes to Schools program is ready for input. Kevin suggested that the Chatham hills connector (Longacre) and Raphael sidewalk (Our Lady of Sorrows) should be submitted separately due to the separate school entities.
 - Kevin C. brought up that there are a number of options for crosswalks as demonstrated throughout the city (portable sign, pedestrian Island, LED flashing signal.)
- Old Farmington Road Bridge - Gate can be switched out for something more pedestrian friendly, but would need to prevent non-city auto traffic from attempting to use this path.
 - The Pathways Committee will recommend solutions for replacement to Chuck at Farmington DPS to help move along this lower-priority work.
 - Joe V. and Tim P. will research solutions. Maria T. and Susan A. can help if needed.
 - Gate must allow city trucks to pass, so this cannot be a permanently-in-place blockade
 - Any bridge repair or replacement must involve Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Sue L. will research bridge replacement options.
- Chatham Hills to Longacre Path
 - Chris will send contact info for Principal at Longacre
 - Kevin said Facilities Superintendent at FPS helps coordinate this type of work with the city and school district.
 - This is probably not a quick hit due to the many entities involved, but general thought of PC was it is a good idea to pursue.
- Floral Park pave the path - Probably cannot happen due to complexity. City does maintain the gravel, but storm drains and other considerations mean

- engineering a solution that is more complex than just pouring concrete for a sidewalk.
- Freedom road Sidewalk - Will be paved this year during the city's ongoing maintenance program. Fixing this area has been moved up in priority by DPS.
- Downtown pathway between State St./Riley Park-
 - Susan A. will ask DDA about their plans and dates.
 - Maria T. mentioned that Library and KickstART have some ideas as well and are ready to fundraise to try something out. She will get a copy of their images.

General Comment:

Kevin C. mentioned that detailed plans will help move our proposed projects through the Safe Routes to Schools program. SRtS will likely do something to help if we can show them the issue. It may not be exactly the plan we propose, but an improvement over what currently exists.

- NEW BUSINESS

- PROJECT PLAN REVIEWS -

- Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile Intersection Redesign Report 2016: Brent Bartman
 - Big project that looks to be not yet started.
 - Susan A. - Improvements to this area would make it feel more like Farmington proper.
- City of Farmington 2019 Recreation Master Plan: Sue Lover
 - Funding is the major concern but there are options proposed.
 - People want the parks to be connected (Shiawassee to Heritage, Shiawassee to Riley and Women's park (near Maxfield Training Center).
- Activating the Rouge River Nature Trail Report 2016: Joe VanDerZanden
 - A large report with an extensive network of trails and small parks proposed.
 - This work could intersect with some of our areas of concern/improvement.
- City of Farmington Master Plan 2019: Susan Arlin
 - 5 main areas of focus that overlap with many of our areas. Would need to investigate more to understand progress on this Master Plan.

- CHATHAM HILLS PATHWAY DISCUSSION

- Discussed in Old Business section above. This complex project would involve Chatham hills, Condos, Longacre, and Safe Routes to School Program.

- ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

- Cloverdale x Farmington is a dangerous crossing. (Near Total Sports)
- Farmington Road x Shiawassee at the bottom of the hill has no crossing to the park, even though a stoplight exists.
- Shiawassee x Grand River west side of Downtown. South side of the road has no sidewalk.

- Drake x 9 mile at Freedom approaching M-5 Bridge, sidewalk does not reach Freedom Rd on either side, but the bridge has a dedicated walking area.
- Crosswalk near Sidecar/Krazy Crab at School Street is happening per Kevin. Arrangements being finalized.

- NEXT STEPS
 - Topic pushed to next month's meeting due to time.

- POLITICAL BOUNDARIES
 - Topic pushed to next month's meeting
 - Farmington
 - Downtown Development Authority
 - Corridor Improvement Authority

- PUBLIC COMMENT
 - No public comment

- COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT
 - Brent - How to share working documents efficiently without emailing copies everywhere?
 - Chris and Kevin will discuss options for working document collaboration.
 - Official documents will follow standard city procedure.
 - Maria - Good idea to have a list of new target areas at the end of our agenda to help track info.

- ADJOURNMENT
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm
 - Maria Taylor moved to adjourn
 - Supported by Sue Lover
 - Passed unanimously