

FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

April 14, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:04

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Sue Lover motioned to approve agenda, supported by Maria Taylor
- Unanimously approved

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2021
- Sue Lover moved to approve the minutes, Bill Gesaman supported
- Unanimously approved

5. OLD BUSINESS

- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT (Chatham Hills-Longacre and Our Lady of Sorrows)

i. PPT shared by Sue Lover, she explained the details between 'mini grant' and 'major grant' Available dollars and time to execute are the basic differentiators.

ii. This large project will take commitment and coordination.

iii. Bill suggested we reach out to the grant organization to see how we should tailor our approach to the application.

iv. Sue will send Susan and Bill the contact information and webinar info to watch before contacting the organization.

- OLD FARMINGTON ROAD BRIDGE AND SHIAWASSEE TO HERITAGE PARK CONNECTION

i. A sub-group (Maria, Tim, Joe) toured the bridge area and confirmed it to be in a general state of disrepair and that there are no railings for safety.

ii. DPW suggested some short-term repairs, but Kevin believes it to require replacement, not just repairs.

iii. Small areas to either side of the bridge are owned by the city.

1. This could potentially connect the area to Heritage park, in conjunction with Farmington Hills.

2. Path would cross the edges of 6 private properties.

3. If chosen as a priority project, this would become a larger project. Chris suggested to talk with both City Councils before further action.

4. Field trip to review the path to be set up.
 - FARMINGTON LIBRARY STORYBOOK PATH (Downtown Library to Riley Park)
 - i. Ongoing discussions by the Library committee to establish a surface-level path for easy connection between the Library and Riley park.
 - ii. Working to coordinate this with Farmington rd. Streetscape project which begins in CY2022.
 - iii. No action from Pathways Committee at this time.
 - iv. Once design is finalized, Kevin recommends the Pathways Committee review the plan and provide input.
 - 2021 SIDEWALK PROGRAM (Streets to be improved, Cloverdale at Farmington and other crossing issues)
 - i. A number of sidewalks in the neighborhoods south of downtown between Farmington rd and Brookdale will be improved.
 - ii. Tim asked about Slocum and Mayfield corner, which was not updated, but in bad shape. Chris will confirm status with DPW.
 - 10 MILE SIDEWALK UPDATE
 - i. City website <<https://www.ci.farmington.mi.us/>> has good information about the area including redevelopment info..
 - ii. Liberty Hill project will have sidewalks on both sides of the street and the 10 mile sidewalk is expected to be connected but negotiations are still to be finalized.
 - FARMINGTON ROAD TO SHIAWASSEE PARK CROSSING
 - i. Chris explained that due to ground elevation, the crosswalk would end at the top of a hill and need to exit into the parking lot. This means additional work is needed and might be considered as part of a bigger Shiawassee park upgrade.
 - ii. Kevin reminded PC that recreation improvement plan and downtown access plan are tools that could be used to carry this forward.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?
 - a. Brent asked about painted crosswalks. Kevin explained they are handled differently depending on which street (example: Grand River is MDOT, city streets are DPW)
 - i. Gill at Grand River and Gill at Freedom are areas for potential paint striping due to traffic blind spots.
 - ii. Drake at Oakland and Drake at Drake Heights are potential areas for paint striping, due to foot traffic and trees.
 7. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - No public comment
 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT
 - Maria Taylor, said the City of Troy is seeking to establish a Pathways committee after hearing about Farmington's effort.
 - Tim suggested that the May meeting be at the Riley Park Pavilion, weather permitting. No issue with this said Chris.
 - Kevin gave an update on 'Cabbage Island' and lack of sidewalk on the South of Shiawassee near the Western intersection at Grand River. There is no space for the sidewalk due to existing structures.
 9. ADJOURNMENT
 - Motion for adjournment by Maria Taylor supported by Sue Lover
 - Committee unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 8:56PM

