



Special City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Pathways Committee Interview: David Haering**
- 5. Traffic Flow Discussion: Adjacent to 33245 Grand River Avenue**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Council Comment**
- 9. Adjournment**

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Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: Feb. 18, 2025	Item Number 4
Submitted by: Melissa Andrade, Assistant to the City Manager		
Agenda Topic: Pathways Committee Interview		
Proposed Motion if decided to appoint tonight: Appoint _____ to the Pathways Committee for a term ending Dec. 31, 2026.		
Background: A. Pathways Committee There is one vacancy on the Pathways Committee for a Farmington resident. This is a 2-year term ending Dec. 31, 2026. The committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. David Hearing will be interviewed at tonight's meeting. We have three applicants: David Hearing is scheduled for an interview at tonight's meeting. Faye Schuette was interviewed by City Council for a seat on the Library Board at the Nov. 26 City Council meeting. Although Faye was not selected for the Library Board, she'd still like to work with the city of Farmington so attended a Pathways Committee and submitted an updated application for the Pathways vacancy. She has also applied for the Beautification Committee and is interested in both Committees. Kevin Daniels was interviewed by council at the Feb. 3 City Council Meeting. Other Farmington Board and Commission vacancies include Board of Review, Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Community Health Commission, and Emergency Preparedness Committee.		

Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: February 18, 2025	Item Number 5
Submitted by: Director Houhanisin – Public Safety		
Agenda Topic: Vehicle and pedestrian traffic adjacent to 33425 Grand River.		
Proposed Motion: N/A		
Background: There have been concerns regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the south side of Grand River and the driveway to 33425 Grand River (The Vines). TIA surveyed the area and provided the attached report.		
Materials: TIA Report		



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February 3, 2025

Bob Houhanisin
Director of Public Safety
City of Farmington
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RE: Grand River Avenue & Vines Flowers Driveway Study

Dear Director Houhanisin:

At your request, the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) conducted a review of the driveway on the west side of the Vines Flowers business at 33245 Grand River Avenue due to concerns over pedestrian safety the city received from residents.

For this evaluation, TIA reviewed crash history at the driveway location and conducted a site visit to observe the existing conditions.

CRASH HISTORY

A review of the 5-Year crash history at the location of the driveway found no reported crashes. However, it has been reported by residents that near miss incidents have occurred.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

A site visit was conducted on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, with you to observe the location and discuss the proposed options for improving the safety of pedestrians on the sidewalk as they cross the driveway walking in the westbound direction.

The current operation of the driveway allows for two-way traffic in the north-south direction. The building on the east side of the driveway is directly adjacent to the driveway on its west side and the sidewalk in front on the north side. This situation blocks sight distance for both the motorist and pedestrian in observation of each other.

PROPOSED OPTIONS

The following are options that were proposed for improving the safety of Pedestrians:

- Installation of a concave mirror.
- Installation of warning sign(s) for traffic exiting the driveway.
- Installation of warning sign(s) for pedestrians travelling westbound on the sidewalk.
- Installation of a Stop sign for traffic exiting the driveway.
- Installation of a Stop Bar pavement marking on the driveway in advance of the sidewalk.
- Installation of a "PED X-ING" message pavement marking on the driveway in advance of the sidewalk.
- Restrict traffic flow of the driveway to the southbound direction only (in-bound).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The option with the highest potential for improving safety for pedestrians is restricting the traffic flow of the driveway to the southbound direction only (in-bound).

If restricting the driveway to the southbound direction only is not a viable option, the installation of several signs and pavement markings is recommended as follows:

- Special warning signs, "Watch for Pedestrians" installed, facing south on both sides of the driveway in the landscaped areas, for motorists exiting onto Grand River Avenue.
- Special warning sign "Watch for Vehicles Exiting Driveway" installed facing east, for pedestrians travelling westbound on the sidewalk.
- Installation of a "Stop Bar" pavement marking in the driveway at a location 4-feet in advance of the sidewalk.
- Installation of a "PED X-ING" message pavement marking on the driveway in advance of the Stop Bar location.

The installation of a Stop sign was not recommended due to the concern for proper placement in advance of the sidewalk would encroach upon the width of the driveway or require attachment to the building where it would be susceptible to damage from high profile vehicles.

The installation of a concave mirror was not recommended because it is not an approved traffic control device as recognized in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



Chuck Keller, P.E.
Director of Engineering
Chief Traffic Engineer
Transportation Improvement Association

Attachment

City of Farmington

The Vines Flowers, 33245 Grand River Ave
West Side Driveway Location of Concern

