



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2025

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 11, 2024

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

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 21

Tim discussed plans for the upcoming presentation with slides created by Bill, covering the purpose of the Pathways Committee, work and accomplishments on projects over the past year.

b. GRAND RIVER PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SURVEY UPDATE

Heather gave an update on responses to the survey so far, having received 375 responses so far, and is still open for additional responses.

c. NEW PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The open Pathways Committee position has been posted and is accepting applications. Some applications have already been received. One resident applicant, Faye, attended this meeting to observe the meeting.

d. REPOSTING OF PATHWAYS COMMITTEE EMAIL

The Pathways Committee email was reposted online in the past week to residents to bring related concerns and suggestions to the attention of the committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

-Tim identified the irregular sidewalk split on Farmington Rd. north of Slocum where there are two sidewalks in front of the Citizens Bank, one continuing from the north near the road, the second leading to the door of the bank then continuing to the south while the one near the road terminates at the end of the block. Discussed the likely confusion to pedestrians and noting the possibility to be reworked in the future.

- Discussed the possibility of adding a bike line/designated pedestrian path to increase safety on York Dr. for pedestrians to access downtown, noting this street has frequent pedestrians. Identified that this street was discussed for a

possible sidewalk when Sunny Day Care and Montessori was doing reconstruction and that the south end of the street is part of their property and parking lot. Planned to check with the city attorney to explore possibilities.

b. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

The Thomas Street Project, including new sidewalks, has been approved by the City Council.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Faye Schuett of 23211 Cass Ave, Farmington, who has applied for the open seat on the Pathways Committee, commented that she moved to Farmington in 1993, partially attracted to the city due to the existence of sidewalks in the neighborhood, the trees and walkability of the city.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

-Maria shared that the DDA has asked that they be informed ahead of future surveys like the current crosswalk survey so they may assist in informing residents.

-Maria reported that residents at a recent City Council meeting voiced support for efforts in the Gill Rd. project to slow down traffic such as road narrowing.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 7:44 pm

Next meeting: FEBRUARY 13, 2025