



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

March 9, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Sue Lover at 7:06 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present

- Bill Gesaman
- Joe VanDerZanden
- Chris Weber
- Brent Bartman
- Kevin Christiansen
- Sue Lover
- Maria Taylor

Absent

- Tim Prince
- Susan Alrin

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brent moved to approve, supported by Maria

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2022
- b. Bill moved to approve, and Brent supported

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. 9 MILE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY UPDATE

Chris – speaking with Farmington Hills/OHM Advisers – suggested the more people the better to get funding for the pathway – they did reach out and got positive feedback from neighboring communities to support and/or connect their own plans to the Pathway. Next meeting Non-Motorized Pathway meeting scheduled for 3/24 8:30 am for update. OHM spoke with SMECOG, who was very interested and suggested funding may be available. Plan was mad to follow up with Tim of the Pathways Committee to see if he can attend the next meeting as he did the previous one to gather information and report.

b. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) CHATHAM HILLS TO LONGACRE CONNECTION UPDATE

Sue reported that Adam Jenks has replaced Katie Alexander as lead on the project. Sue and Chris spoke with Adam Jenks, learned that an Action Plan Meeting would be the next step on the project, to involve local involved parties and parents. It was suggested that a meeting be held prior to and to prepare for that meeting to try to connect with more parents to gain more interest and involvement of parents of children attending Longacre School.

It was learned that only one pathway can be considered at once, so cannot submit multiple possible plans/alternate routes, to have an alternative route considered would require restarting the process. Discussed using a local meeting to gather more information from parents of students and the community on what is wanted to inform a plan to submit for grant proposals. Both Capital Grant and Programming Grant are options.

c. SMART BUS STOPS

Reviewed Chris's bus riding experiences from Chatham Hills to City Hall – The Smithfield and Chatham Hills stop to City Hall stop and back. Issues discussed included:

No snow removal services leading to inaccessible stops for those with mobility issues. – SMART responsibility but only main stops get snow removal in practice.

No pavement to the curb at bus stops – another mobility issue

No crosswalks near bus stops on Grand River leading to unsafe mid-block crossings. Questions raised of how many accidents and/or deaths there have been of pedestrians accessing bus stops.

Maria brought up the possibility of adding a bioswale or other street scape safety measures for a mid-street landing while crossing.

Kevin planned to check into information for contacts at SMART and Brent volunteered to contact SMART to inquire about snow shoveling and paving.

d. SURVEY EXAMPLES FROM PAST CITY STUDIES

Kevin provided examples of past community surveys put out by the city about projects. Discussed options for survey types and options to reach residents, visitors and users of parks and services, and how to reach such as mailings, local publications, online like SurveyMonkey, or at the Farmer's Market.

Discussed ideas to survey such as: what would responders like to see more of: walking trails, bike lines... or what improvements in the city to pathways/mobility would people like to see?

e. 2022 WORK PLAN

Chris reaffirmed the need for a plan for the year of priorities. Brent suggested taking time to explore discussed projects and how to assess by impact and budget/obstacles to help prioritize projects and make goals. Planned to use existing spreadsheet of discussed projects to evaluate and prioritize discussed projects. Planned to begin creating work plan at next meeting, questioned how to go about evaluating and prioritizing, Bill volunteered to lead that with a white board.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS? – None identified

b. CERTIFICATION FOR WALKABLE/BIKEABLE COMMUNITIES

-suggestion to research if there is something like this that exists, look at requirements and plan for how to obtain certification.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Chris shared that DPW engineer looked at the crossing to the M-5 bridge, suggested crossing further west to avoid obstacles of residents' fences and such.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Maria moved to adjourn and Bill supported  
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Next meeting: April 13, 2022