



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Prince, Sue Lover, Maria Taylor, Bill Gessaman, Kevin Parkins, Chris Weber, Joe VanDerZanden, Brent Bartman, Kevin Christiansen

Absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Kevin P., supported by Maria, unanimously approved

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, JULY 12, 2023

Motion to approve by Sue, supported by Maria, unanimously approved

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. MEDIA POST – Sue – Received a question back about why there is a hole surrounded by snow fencing at Shiawassee and Rafael roads. Believed to be ongoing infrastructure work, planned to look into.
- b. 2023 SIDEWALK PROGRAM UPDATE – work completed for this year, currently finishing up last details.
- c. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE
  - i. Waiting on Oakland County Parks and Recreation to possibly fund branding study – project is currently awaiting this feedback.
  - ii. Waiting on next meeting of 9 Mile Corridor Task Force or Oakland County Parks and Rec to determine how to proceed with joint grant writing and future maintenance.
- d. FARMINGTON HILLS MASTER PLAN INPUT
  - i. Member Input? Some group members have posted suggestions and supported existing comments. Group members planned to all look over and submit recommendations.
  - ii. Communication to Other Groups? – has been mentioned to FBC Run Club members, some committee members have informed some other individuals.
- e. SEMCOG BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY
  - i. Training Update? – Chris has emailed twice about next steps to plan training and is awaiting a response.
  - ii. Grants for Old Farmington Road Bridge – Sue – Brian Pollack mentioned the possibility of historic grants. She was given a contact at MDOT, reached out and is awaiting a response. Sue has also been in contact with Cody, who is in charge of grants for congresswoman Haley Stevens. He identified the need to determine approximately how much money is needed for the project. Committee discussed gaining more information

for planning starting with speaking with city engineers to get cost estimates. Discussed identifying options with different costs, such as types and sizes of paths and factors such as historical considerations. Identified resources to find grant opportunities including SAM.gov, grants.gov and contacting State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for historical project information.

f. CROSSWALK AT KRAZY KRAB ON GRAND RIVER UPDATE

Reviewed the 3 options for adding a crosswalk, Kevin C reports he recently met with and walked the area and reviewed these options with OHM. Identified that crosswalk at School St. could be completed as part of project to update School St and Thomas St. when the Maxfield Training project happens to build housing, was already planned and has little complications already being 25 mph. Also meets requests from senior apartment complex.

Option 2 is closer to the Krazy Krab – already 25 mph, would need sidewalk construction to add landing spots, planned as part of Krazy Krab PUD with funding, could need a landing spot in the middle of the street where there is already a designated turn lane. May be best to try to develop additionally, after School St.

Option 3 has the obstacles of a higher speed limit and traffic issues with cars turning in and out of driveways from two directions. Identified it may be best to wait for Grand River corridor project to wrap in as there may be road changes then making it more viable to add this crosswalk then.

Discussed the committee drafting a letter in support of developing option #2 at this time.

g. MAXFIELD TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Officially named Hillside Townes

Preliminary PUD and development agreement approved by City Council – final plan to come after engineering and approval by planning commission and city council – looking to do for September.

Brownfield plan was approved on Monday.

Congresswoman Haley Stevens \$2 Million grant for the Shiawassee stairs, awaiting documentation for that money, seeking out other grant options.

h. RALPH C WILSON GRANTS

Bill reached out to JJ, the director of parks initiative, but has not heard back yet. Says he has another contact he can also try.

i. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

No updates - Sue identified the grant deadline for this year is approaching and questioned how long the data collected is good for before having to start over to apply in the future. Discussed possibility of applying for funds to use for smaller identified options including a flashing beacon on Gill Rd., addressing flooding on the sidewalk at the cut through behind the school, adding lighting, and filling in missing sidewalk flags. Identified required tasks of getting together related info and filling out forms, option to plan to complete before deadline for the year.

j. ELY COURT

Tim took pictures of the area, identified 2 major heaves in the sidewalk and passed info on to DPW. DPW to apply a cold patch ramp for this year and look to replace flags next year.

Tim also identified that the north side of Prospect St. also has some rough sidewalks that were not done in this year's project.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

Kevin C. shared plans for the Legion Square housing project at the site of the current American Legion Building– 4 buildings with 30 units, townhouse condo style apartments. Shared that the sidewalk in front of the site on Grand River will be updated and improved.

Sherwood St. has missing sidewalk sections which don't meet up. Covered in discussion of PUD with the Planning Commission and possibility to line up road boundaries and complete the sidewalk as part of the project.

Planning commission to discuss the project at the next Monday before it moves to City Council.

Old Winery purchase moving forward.

b. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

Bill – Identified that there is a small path worn from foot traffic on Salvador Rd., which does not connect but has a gap between guardrails that would be nice to pave and improve. Identified that this is over the border in Farmington Hills and Chris went onto the Farmington Hills Master Plan online during the meeting and made a comment suggesting this project.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Chris shared that there is an upcoming story from Metromode on the 9 mile pathway. Joe Mantee on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission reached out with questions and interest about proposed pathway from Shiawassee Rd. to connect to Heritage Park as well as sections of the 9 Mile Pathway and Rouge River Path plan and interest in walking the areas. Various pathways members expressed interest in joining in on future walks to show to him and encourage cooperation and interest between the cities in these plans.

Temporary stop signs at crosswalks and police traffic direction during the Founders Festival were mentioned and appreciated.

Tim identified that he received notices of sidewalk obstructions from Bill and Joe and will pass on to Chris for follow-up.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:36 PM

Next meeting: SEPTEMBER 13, 2023