



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Prince, Joe VanDerZanden, Heather Davies, Jamie Palmisano, Chris Weber, Sue Lover, Bill Gesaman, Maria Taylor

Absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

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

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. CROSSWALKS ON GRAND RIVER

i. The committee reviewed 13 more locations identified for possible crosswalks, discussing their usefulness, feasibility and challenges to adding them, including concerns about traffic speed and safety for crossings.

-Discussed options for surveying the community for input and interest in adding crosswalks, including how to word survey questions and methods of reaching the community.

-Heather reviewed steps to add crosswalks, including pedestrian count, traffic study and community input.

-The committee decided to see if the master plan group wants to do the survey first, if not then the Pathways Committee will conduct the survey for community input.

-Planned to compile one list of all of the proposed crosswalk locations to review and prioritize at the November meeting. Also planned to look for examples of surveys used by other communities for similar projects.

b. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE

i. Update on Meeting Held 10/8/24

Chris gave an update from the most recent 9 Mile Pathway meeting, sharing the name options and visual branding/logos that were presented. The Pathways Committee provided opinions and feedback and reviewed the feedback given on these sample options at the 9 Mile Pathway meeting.

Pathway Committee feedback to be passed on to the 9 Mile Pathway Committee.

ii. Memorandum of Understanding

City council approved the signing of it, being passed around to all of the communities to approve and sign and commit to building and maintaining.

c. FARMINGTON ROAD PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE

Recommendations and concerns about the obscured signs were sent to the city traffic engineers (an outside firm). The response was that the trees will grow above the sign within two to three years and resolve the problem. They also suggested that the trees could be cut down. Waiting for a second opinion.

d. SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND PROSPECT STREET UPDATE

Locations identified by Tim were looked at and the response was those areas are not part of this year's sidewalk program.

Maria shared that she received a community complaint about broken sidewalk flags located in front of 22833 Violet Street. Tim volunteered to go take pictures.

e. SIDEWALK ISSUE ON MACOMB UPDATE

Joe checked on the reported resolution and found the situation has been improved. Where the sidewalk was covered in dirt in two spots that seemed to have traveled from the yard above, the dirt had been removed and sod installed to correct the drainage problem from the yard.

-There was a report of ripped American flags in front of Los Tres Amigos and Starbucks. This will be forwarded to Melissa, who handles the city's American flag program.

-There was an update on the triangle of land at the corner of Grand River and Shiawassee streets where weeds and plants are overgrown into the sidewalk— The new owner of the home is aware of the issue and is making improvements to the property. It seems the issue will likely be resolved by the homeowner next year.

f. MICHIGAN SHARED STREETS AND SPACES GRANT UPDATE

A grant application was submitted for the city. The date has been pushed back and a response should come by the end of October.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

Broken sidewalk flags and flags with holes identified on the south side of Grand River, to address in future sidewalk program. Trees overgrown over the sidewalk identified by Chatham Hills.

The hole in the stamped concrete in the crosswalk on Grand River at Farmington Road was brought up again, which is an MDOT issue.

Revisited suggestions that the driveway alongside the flower shop on Grand River be made enter only following two reports of driver/pedestrian issues in that spot due to no visibility when drivers pull out there.

b. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

i. Syndicate Expansion – Expanding to incorporate the upcoming Lone Light Distillery tasting room. Reviewed the updated Syndicate map.

ii. Pop-up Pickleball moving into the old Tuesday Morning location with a 6-month lease.

iii. A business plan has been submitted for a new restaurant, Grand Thai Princess, to move into the Bangkok Kitchen location in the World Wide Shopping Center. There are existing restaurant locations in Okemos and Birmingham.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

-Maria discussed the success of the opening of the timeline mural and the possibility to add it to the Syndicate social district for events and pop-up bar type things.

- A mural is being painted on the ends of the pavilion in Riley Park

-Work has begun on the M5 pedestrian overpass, trees are being cut down, and preparations for putting in sidewalks on the north side.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:50 pm

Next meeting: NOVEMBER 13, 2024