



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES - DRAFT

MAY 10, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER Tim called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tim Prince

Sue Lover

Kevin Christiansen

Joe VanDerZanden

Brent Bartman

Maria Taylor

Chris Weber

Kevin Parkins

Absent:

Bill Gesaman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Brent moved and Maria supported

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 12, 2023 Sue moved to approve, seconded by Maria

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION OF FIELD TRIP TO 9 MILE PATHWAY SITE

Committee members discussed the trip they took to walk the route the 9 mile pathway would take from Grand River Rd, through undeveloped woods along the dirt road portion of 9 mile to Freedom Rd. Committee members agreed it is a good route for the pathway. Identified that trail crosses one privately owned lot within Farmington Hills and the rest is Farmington city owned property. Discussed ideas and past Rouge River Nature Trail Project concept to tie in development with the Old Winery and connecting trail to Shiawassee Park, need to approach Farmington home owners about trail traversing their land if to develop that trail.

Next steps – see if deal moves forward with winery, approach FH and gauge interest in developing this leg of the pathway and the park land. Discussed FH awareness of the current plan from 9 mile pathway for this leg.

Sue volunteered to contact FH, will get a contact name to call from Chris.

Sue asked about public meeting planning for 9 mile pathway.

East side meeting will be in Oak Park.

West side meeting on Tues May 23rd 6pm at 1800 W. 9 mile rd. Chris will pass out flier for the meeting. Melissa to post on the city website and a survey to complete.

b. SEMCOG BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY PLANNING

Meeting planned for 5/31 @ 10 am – 12 am. Suggested meeting at Apothecary Espresso and Coffee with printed handouts from Bill. Discussed Tim reviewing presentation made for City Counsel to give SEMCOG and overview. Unsure who or how many people are attending from SEMCOG. Discussed informing Apothecary will be coming for the meeting. Sue to call Never Forgotten Bakery to plan pastries for the meeting.

Made plans for areas to cover in meeting and include in walking tour. Discussed showing pictures of the Farmington Rd. underpass as too far to walk, also have pictures ready of planned sites on walking tour in case of weather issues.

Walking tour to show areas to cover in the meeting including:

Farmington Rd streetscape, walk by Canelle Bakery site, turning north, then head to Maxfield Training Center, show stairs down to and including Shiawassee park – highlight desire to improve connection with replacing/improving stairs

c. COMPLETE STREETS AND CORRIDOR SAFETY PLANNING GRANT

Grant application is going to be submitted soon and should know by June if going to receive. Grant is from SEMCOG, there is also a federal grant that could be pursued if do not get the SEMCOG one.

Discussed possibility of testing temporary bike lanes to see how and if works.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

Streetscape continues, very close to being done, awaiting paint to finish and open.

Proposed project for American Legion for residential, mentioned there is a worn path on the south end of the property that could be developed as a connection to future paths/Rouge River Trail.

Proposed developments and interest in several areas being looked at.

b. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Kevin P shared questions he has received about crosswalk access to the parking lot at Shiawassee Park. Committee briefly reviewed past discussions about why this has not been pursued including lack of a sidewalk on that side of Power Rd. and existing crosswalk to sidewalk on the other side of Power Rd.

Tim – shared seeing that King's Garage along GR near Uptown Plaza had neatly edged lawn allowing more space to walk and possibility of encouraging other businesses to do the same as many have overgrown lawns encroaching on the sidewalk. Identified vacant businesses leave unkempt grass.

9. ADJOURNMENT Maria moved to adjourn and was supported by Brent at 8:21 PM

Next meeting: JUNE 14, 2023