



FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES DRAFT

DECEMBER 13, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Tim Prince, Maria Taylor, Chris Weber, Brent Bartman, Kevin Christiansen, Bill Gessaman, Austin Downie (OHM Advisors)

Absent: Sue Lover, Joe VanDerZanden

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Motion to approve by Brent and supported by Bill, approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. SPEED LIMITS ON GRAND RIVER

i. Engineer Presentation – Austin Downie with OHM Advisors presented this item to the Committee, including an existing conditions handout. The Committee discussed the current road design and speed limits on Grand River Avenue, particularly in Downtown. Motion by Bill, supported by Maria to recommend that a traffic study be completed on Grand River Avenue from (1) east of Downtown at Power Road, west to School Street, and (2) west of Downtown from Liberty Street to Shiawassee Road, approved unanimously.

b. GILL AND ARUNDEL

i. Engineer Presentation – Austin Downie with OHM Advisors presented this item to the committee, included existing conditions and possible improvements/upgrades. He recommended improvements/upgrades including a new overhead streetlight and possible additional signage (see distributed sign plans). The existing crosswalk is intended to be maintained. No physical changes or traffic signalization/light are proposed. The Committee discussed these recommendations.

c. M-5 OVERPASS

i. Review of Construction Plans Provided by Farmington Hills – Chris updated the Committee on this item. The Committee reviewed plans prepared by Farmington Hills. All improvements shown on the plan will be financed by Farmington Hills. Plan implementation/construction is planned for 2024.

d. SIDEWALK ISSUE AT 34029 GRAND RIVER AND NEAR WARNER MANSION PARKING LOT – Chris and Maria discussed a resident complaint received

regarding this sidewalk. Maria shared pictures she took with the Committee. Chris has spoke with Chuck Eudy. Chuck is currently investigating/reviewing this.

- e. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE– Chris said this project is ready to move forward. Project financing is currently being finalized.
 - i. Next Meeting of Nine Mile Task Force 12/18/23 – Chris to attend.
- f. BIKE PARK, PUMP TRACKS, AND SKATE PARK IDEAS FROM AMERICAN RAMP COMPANY – <https://americanrampcompany.com>
 - i. Any feedback on designs/features – Chris presented the current status of this item to the Committee. He has contacted the contractor. The Committee continued discussion of possible locations for a bike park and the possible level of design/level of user they are interested in. Still considering a possible pump track/bike park. Information/direction from the Committee has been provided to the contractor. Looking at a potential Zoom Video meeting to discuss.
- g. FARMINGTON HILLS MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE
 - i. Anyone attend? Any feedback? – Bill attended the open house and participated in conducted planning activities. He provided the Committee with comments/feedback from his participation.
- h. SEMCOG TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS TOOL TRAINING
 - i. Anyone attend? Any feedback? – No one attended. No feedback.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. PATHWAYS PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL
 - i. Possible dates: January 15, February 20 – Presentation to City Council will be on 2/23/23. Tim to present. Bill will assist with PowerPoint presentation.
- b. NEW PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT
 - i. Openings posted on City Website and Facebook Page. Need to apply by Friday, December 22 – No new applications submitted/received yet.
- c. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?
 - i. Masonic Lodge Plaza Updated Rendering – Chris reviewed the Masonic Lodge Plaza plan with the Committee. The Committee commented on the design and indicated they support the project. Kevin reviewed current construction/development projects with the Committee including: Hillside Townes (Maxfield Training Center), Legion Square (American Legion Hall), The Winery, Castle Dental, Village Shoe, and the Shell Gas Station.
- d. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS? – No new target areas.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:58 pm

Next meeting: JANUARY 10, 2024