

## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

May 12, 2021

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting Called to order by Sue Lover 7:04pm

2. ROLL CALL

- Brent Bartman
- Bill Gesaman
- Sue Lover
- Tim Prince
- Joe VanDerZanden
- Maria Taylor
- Chris Weber
- Kevin Christiansen
- Susan Arlin - Absent

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve by Maria Taylor Supported by Tim Prince
  - i. unanimous approval

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2021
  - i. Moved to approve by Brent B. Supported by Bill G.
  - ii. Unanimous approval

5. OLD BUSINESS

- OLD FARMINGTON ROAD BRIDGE AND SHIAWASSEE TO HERITAGE PARK CONNECTION
  - i. (Feedback on hike)
    - General thought is that it is doable, and a path could be carved that would not intrude upon private property.
    - Joe mentioned the one area where the river was crossed may not be the best, and the one 'no trespassing' sign seen.
    - Bill brought up that Army Corps of Engineers would have to be involved with any bridge construction and asked "Is this a deal breaker?"
    - Chris W. mentioned that Farmington Hills investigated this type of path a few years back and property owners put up some resistance.
    - Sue and Kevin spoke about DNR and EAGLE involvement requirements and benefits.
    - In summary, Maria pointed out that property owners' decision and results of easement investigation will determine our ability to pursue.

- Kevin C. and Chris W both pointed out that if we're able to move forward, there are a number of options for reaching out to property owners. Letters, phone calls, one-on-one meetings, open house meetings or handle at Pathways Committee meeting.
    - Kevin said that involving them in the early stages would help draw them in to the project if they are interested, rather than, storming in and telling them what to do.
  - ii. (Eastern Michigan Update)
    - Bridge replacement by civil engineering students. Sue L. spoke to the school and learned details. This would be a student project that would include rough cost estimate and engineered drawings for visualization options.
    - Another option for this is as the school's chosen community project, which would have students involved working with contractors to complete the project. Farmington would need to fund the project.
- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (Update)
  - i. Proposed pathway would benefit a large number of residences, all of Chattham Hills Sub, and Apartment complexes.
  - ii. Sue suggested watching the SRtSchools presentation that can be viewed live or pre-recorded.
  - iii. Sue L. provided the seminar link, all members should watch prior to the June meeting.
    - <https://saferoutesmichigan.org/upcoming-trainings/>
- DRAKE ROAD AND OAKLAND STREET/DRAKE HEIGHTS PAINTED CROSSINGS (Update)
  - i. Chris W spoke with Chuck Eudy and said it's been possible, and said that since there have been no issues reported that it was not at the top of their list for painting. Will not be pursued at this time.
- FARMINGTON LIBRARY STORYBOOK PATH (Transmitted Brooklyn middle lane idea to Design Committee)
  - i. Design committee pictures have been requested.
  - ii. Crossing between William's Family Medicine and Firestone causes some concern
- MAYFIELD STREET, SLOCUM TO GRAND RIVER (Update)
  - i. Chris said Chuck Eudy reported they would fix this crossing as part of 2021 work.
- GILL/GRAND RIVER AND GILL/FREEDOM PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS (Update)
  - i. Summer 2022 will have work on Gill Road at Freedom and Gr. River and this area will be addressed then. Tabled for 2021.
- BIKE LANE NORTH SIDE SHIAWASSEE PARK
  - i. Bike lanes will be a potential area to address the next time that road is painted or paved. Timing for this expected to be 2023-2024

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?
  - i. VALLEYVIEW CIRCLE NORTH SIDE SIDEWALK

- i. Can sidewalk on the North side of the circle be extended from where it ends 3 houses from Power road.
    - ii. City will investigate easements.
    - iii. Committee agreed that it would be nice to address this, but is not a high priority project. It will be noted as a potential area that was reviewed. (see Other Responsibilities section below)
  - ii. Bill G. brought up a 16 acre open space that exists in Farmington Hills south of M5, between Parker and Lundy Drive. It seems to be privately owned, and has been up for sale for a number of years. neighborhood residents use it as a park, and Bill wondered what it would take to make it one. Kevin C. gave Bill information about researching the Farmington Hills records and who to contact for additional information.
- b. FIELD TRIP TO CHATHAM HILLS DRAKE PARK CONNECTION
  - i. Susan A. was nominated to suggest dates and schedule the field trip.
- c. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
  - i. Report to the City Council on our progress. Suggest presenting in October/November.
    - i. High-level overview 5-10mins.
    - ii. Also helpful to consolidate information of areas we've reviewed.
    - iii. Tim P. said he could present to council.
    - iv. Will discuss preparing the presentation at our next meeting.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment

## 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

- o Bill G. asked about Maxfield Training Center project status and state of our review and potential suggestions or support for the project.
  - i. Chris W. confirmed that the legal document for purchase was currently being drawn up. Robertson Bros. then will review the property and perform environmental assessment for a few months and then have the option to commit to the purchase. After that official plans will be sent to the city and we can review.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

- o Maria T. moved to adjourn, supported by Bill G.
- o Unanimous approval.
- o Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Next meeting: June 9, 2021