

# WALKABLE COMMUNITIES COALITION

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## AGENDA

Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
12 Noon to 1 PM

disAbility Connections  
409 Linden Avenue

**MISSION:** To create an environment where it's easy to walk and bike for recreation, transportation, and health; and to educate and encourage citizens to be active.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2015 (enclosed)
4. Healthy Communities – Julie Weisbrod (*Light snack provided*)
5. Complete Streets Action Team Recommendations – Scott TenBrink
6. Candidate Questionnaire – Scott TenBrink (*Tentative*)
7. Comments and/or Concerns from Members
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: August 11, 2015  
12 Noon to 1:00 PM  
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## MINUTES

Walkable Communities Coalition  
disAbility Connections  
409 Linden Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 12:00 PM

### Members Present:

Alex Cash, Fitness Council of Jackson  
Simon Foster, JATA  
Christopher Gulock, MDOT – University Region  
Ted Hilleary, Fitness Council  
Pete Jancek, Blackman Township  
Rod Malloy, Dahlem Center  
Laurel Mauldin, Chair  
Susan Richardson, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Laura Schlecte, Jackson City Council  
Scott TenBrink – U of M

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Mauldin called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015**

Ms. Mauldin informed the committee that Officer Debczak name was misspelled in the minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Mr. Hilleary, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **COMPLETE STREETS: JACKSON STYLE**

Mr. Gulock distributed a handout regarding the overview and history of Complete Streets legislation. He further discussed facilities and implementation. Mr. TenBrink provided a history of where Jackson is regarding Complete Streets. He stated that the city passed a resolution in 2006 with semi-weak language. The committee felt that all modes should be considered in any new road project and that the time was right to consider reintroducing an ordinance that would: a) mandate a frequently updated non-motorized plan that would recommend routes and trail expansions; b)

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address issues such as sidewalks, maintenance of non-motorized facilities, and education of the public on safe mutual use of the transportation system; and c) designate a body (possibly WCC) to review new transportation projects to verify that non-motorized opportunities have been adequately addressed.

Mr. TenBrink is willing to continue this conversation with the city and county. A motion was made by Ms. Schlecte, supported by Ms. Mauldin, to appoint Mr. TenBrink as chair of the subcommittee on Complete Streets. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jancek and Ms. Mauldin volunteered to assist Mr. TenBrink in this effort.

## 5. JACKSON COUNTY WALKING AND BIKE MAPS

Mr. Malloy informed the committee that walking maps are currently in draft form and that the final maps will designate three loops around the city and include all other trails. The maps will be published in July and will provide safe walking tips in the city and county. Signage for the walking loops has also been approved and will be installed in July. The new map will be a hybrid of walking and biking opportunities. The committee requested an opportunity to review the maps prior to publication in order to make appropriate changes to the biking routes marked on the map. Mr. Malloy stated that he would send the draft copy to Ms. Richardson for distribution to the committee.

## 6. COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS

Ms. Schlecte made a motion, support by Ms. Mauldin, to appoint a Walkable Communities Coalition member to the JACTS Technical Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Richardson stated that she would discuss this with Mr. Duke.

Mr. Malloy informed the committee that the next walk was scheduled for June 16 at 6 PM meeting at Blackman Park.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Chair Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.