

# WALKABLE COMMUNITIES COALITION

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## AGENDA

Tuesday, November 10, 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.

*Please feel free to bring your lunch to the meetings!*

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2015 (enclosed)
4. MDOT University Region Bike and Pedestrian Plan – Chris Gulock
5. HIO Active Living Team: Strategy and Goal-Setting
6. 2016 Jackson County Traffic Summit Report
7. Meeting Schedule for FY 2016 Discussion
8. Reports and/or Updates from Members
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: December 8, 2015  
12 Noon to 1:00 PM  
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## MINUTES

Walkable Communities Coalition  
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409 Linden Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 12:00 PM

### Members Present:

Alex Cash, Fitness Council of Jackson  
Elisabeth Cross, HIO  
Chris Gulock, MDOT – University Region  
Ted Hilleary, Fitness Council of Jackson  
Pete Jancek, Blackman Township  
Laurel Mauldin, Chair  
Laura Schlecte, Jackson City Council  
Parrish Stahl, disAbility Connection  
Julie Weisbrod, Jackson County Department of Health  
Kurt Rudolph, Summit Township  
Todd Knepper, City of Jackson

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mauldin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Mr. Hilleary, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. STATUS OF SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PROJECT

Betty, one of the students from University of Michigan designing the snow removal website for the area, gave a presentation about the design team's progress to date. There are several beneficial items included in the website, such as:

1. A live map showing the number and location of requests.
2. Number of injuries caused by unsafe sidewalks.
3. Average time between request and completion.
4. Number of dollars in fines issued per week.

The committee had several questions about operation and maintenance of the website. Mr. Knepper and Ms. Schlecte suggested that the City of Jackson has staff that would be very skilled at handling this type of project. It was

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also agreed that the scope of the website should remain in the City of Jackson for the time being, with possible expansion to the County at a later time. Ms. Weisbrod suggested that there be development of a formal action plan that would outline the responsibilities of the project and who would be responsible for them. In order to market the website the City of Jackson could use the “robocall” system, the city website, and pass out information at the schools. It was also suggested that local area students could use the program to fulfill community service requirements. Ms. Mauldin indicated that these were all great ideas and that the project would include them in the future, but the presentation today was an excellent first step.

5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HIO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACTION TEAM**

Ms. Cross and Ms. Mauldin presented the discussion between the HIO and the Walkable Communities Executive Council. Ms. Mauldin stated she believed that the partnership would be an excellent resource for Walkable Communities to succeed in its mission. Mr. Rudolph stated that it would be a great opportunity for networking, membership, and resources. Both members also stated that the previous action team was not successful, and that changing the health action team’s goals and objectives to align with WCC may make it possible to have success. Mr. Hilleary stated the HIO would be a great benefit to WCC. Mr. Jancek also informed the members that the organization would maintain its identity, and would participate in the HIO as a member just like the Jackson Tobacco Reduction Coalition serving as the Smoke-Free Health Action Team. Ms. Cross explained that there is a dedicated backbone staff available to assist the action teams with data and other resources which are available at [www.myhio.org](http://www.myhio.org). After the discussion, Ms. Schlecte made a motion for the WCC to serve as the “HIO Active Living Health Action Team,” which was supported by Ms. Cash. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **MAYORAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Ms. Cash informed the committee that she has presented the completed mayoral candidate questionnaire at the JACTS TAC meeting, the Fitness Council, and planned on distributing it to JTV and any other media outlets when possible. There were several concerns raised about effective methods of distributing information via the media (newspapers, websites, and radio/television) but Ms. Cash stated that she would send out the information in any way possible.

7. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Ms. Mauldin informed the committee it was time to select new officers, but there were concerns that during the initial cooperation with the HIO that there may be restructuring. Mr. Jancek made a motion that the term of the

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current officers be extended until the merger was complete, which was supported by Ms. Weisbrod. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FY 2016**

Ms. Richardson informed the committee that the meeting schedule was not included in the agenda packet, and would be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

9. **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS**

There were no comments or concerns presented.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, Chair Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Aaron Dawson  
Region 2 Planning Commission