

WALKABLE COMMUNITIES COALITION

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
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 April 12, 2016 (enclosed)
4. ALHAT Action Plan – Shaina Tinsey
5. May 14th Bike Rally Update, Carnegie Library
6. Non-Motorized Plan Update
7. Reports and/or Updates From Members
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: June 14, 2016
12 Noon to 1:00 PM
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MINUTES

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409 Linden Avenue
Jackson, Michigan

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:00 PM

Members Present:

Aaron Dawson, Region 2 Planning Commission
Shaina Tinsey, Health Improvement Organization
Julie Weisbrod, Jackson County Health Department
Chris Gulock, MDOT University Region
Parrish Stahl, disAbility Connections
Pete Jancek, Blackman Township
Karen White, Carnegie Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dawson called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

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

The motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Ms. Tinsey, to approve the minutes with one typo correction to item 6. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **ALHAT SYSTEM SCAN – REVIEW COMMUNITY AND LEADER SCAN QUESTIONS**

Ms. Tinsey distributed the sample questions for the community and community leader ALHAT system scan. During the last meeting possible locations for having a group discussion about the questions were submitted. Ms. Tinsey or a representative will be going to various community events to get more information about the barriers to active living in Jackson. Any questions or suggestions about the questions distributed can be directed to Ms. Tinsey or Mr. Dawson.

5. **ACTIVE LIVING EVENTS – MAY 14TH BIKE RALLY UPDATE**

All events are coming together and a working schedule was distributed at the meeting. Ms. White reviewed the event schedule with the group and asked for any comments or feedback. On Two Wheels will be donating a bicycle for

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a raffle, and there will be bicycle helmets given away as well. The raffle bike will be on display at the Carnegie Library to raise awareness for the event. Walkable Communities will have a tent at the bike rally, and it was suggested that printed schedules and an informational pamphlet be available for event attendees. Julie Weisbrod suggested that the Jackson County Health Department may be able to put something together. There will be one more regular coalition meeting before the event to finalize any needed items. Ms. White also said that the banners and signs from last year will be used again, and that a digital format will be made available for the coalition members to distribute via websites. There will be no street closure applications for the bike parade event, as the path will be mainly on sidewalks with a group leader to guide the parade.

6. NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING TEAM

Mr. Dawson informed the group of the current progress of the non-motorized plan, and will provide updates as they are available. Region 2 Planning Commission is reviewing the possibility of using federal planning funds to finance the hiring of a consultant. The plan must cover all of Jackson County and will require local match from the Jackson County Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson. Region 2 Planning Commission will likely be setting aside planning funds provided that there is time to amend the 2017 Unified Work Program. This will allow funds to be allocated to this project. Mr. Dawson also stated that MDOT has made funds available for transit planning studies. Mr. Dawson will be working with Mr. Foster from JATA to apply for a transit accessibility study. There will be more meetings hosted at Region 2 Planning Commission to monitor progress of the planning effort.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Jancek informed the group that a \$300,000 grant has been awarded for the Iron Belle Trail portion between Stockbridge and Parnell. This will be an extension of the current Lakeland Trail southwest toward the City of Jackson. Unfortunately the Cooper St. Bridge will not be a viable alternative for the crossing of I-94, but an alternate plan is in the works. The alternative path will be along Lansing Avenue following a utility right-of-way.

Mr. Stahl reminded the group about the lack of handicapped parking on the Michigan Avenue downtown project, and will be following up with the mayor and city council.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, Mr. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM.

Aaron Dawson
Region 2 Planning Commission