

WALKABLE COMMUNITIES COALITION

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

12 Noon to 1 PM

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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. Additions or Deletions to Agenda - ACTION
4. Approval of Agenda – ACTION
5. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2016 (enclosed) - ACTION
6. Sidewalk Snow Removal – DISCUSSION
7. Community Action Agency, Homeowner Education - DISCUSSION
8. Comments From Members - DISCUSSION
9. Suggested Agenda Items – November Meeting - DISCUSSION
10. Other Business - DISCUSSION
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 13, 2016

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Walkable Communities Coalition
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409 Linden Avenue
Jackson, Michigan

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 12:00 PM

Members Present:

Laurel Mauldin, Chair, Walkable Communities Coalition
Aaron Dawson, Region 2 Planning Commission
Shaina Tinsey, Health Improvement Organization
Al Simons, Cascades Cycling Club
Bob Riley, Cascades Cycling Club
Ted Hilleary, Vice-Chair, CFH
Lane Masoud, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Martha York, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging
Sara Tackett, Jackson District Library
Chris Gulock, MDOT
Pete Jancek, Blackman Township
Todd Knepper, City of Jackson
Terry Larkin, Armory Bike Union
Kyle Lewis, Jackson County Parks
Shawna Tello, Jackson YMCA
Mark Vysoky, Jackson County Parks

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Mauldin called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM and introductions were given.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comment was received.
3. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
No motions were made.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
The agenda was approved as presented.

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

Mr. Jancek made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2016 as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Hilleary and passed unanimously.

6. **APPROVAL OF NEW VOTING MEMBER**
MS. MARTHA YORK, REGION 2 AREA AGENCY ON AGING
MS. SARA TACKETT, JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY

Chair Mauldin explained to the full group that the Executive Committee had approved Ms. York for a vote to be a full voting member of the Walkable Communities Coalition. Mr. Hilleary made a motion to approve Ms. York as a full voting member, which was seconded by Mr. Jancek and passed unanimously. Chair Mauldin also made a motion to approve Ms. Tackett of the Jackson District Library as a full voting member, which was seconded by Mr. Jancek and passed unanimously.

7. **SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL - DISCUSSION**

Chair Mauldin explained that blocked sections can impede walking traffic. Mr. Knepper told the Coalition that he is responsible for responding to blocked sidewalk complaints and arranging contractors to clear problem areas at the expense of the property owners. Contractors usually clear in 24 hours, and work with Jackson County snow removal for Jackson County properties. Ms. Masoud asked how much the property owner is charged for the contractor, and Mr. Knepper responded that it depends on the time required to clear. Mr. Jancek asked who clears bus stops. Ms. York said that Area Agency on Aging would be able to assist elderly and disabled residents that cannot clear on their own. Chair Mauldin stated that the See, Click, Fix website may be an option for helping residents. A combination of contractors and volunteers will be needed to keep the sidewalks clear.

8. **SMART COMMUTE - DISCUSSION**

Ms. Tinsey explained that when the Fitness Council closed, the Health Improvement Organization took over responsibilities for Step by Step events. The program distributes stickers for prizes for attending active living events. Only ten percent of the participants are receiving prizes for participating right now. Smart Commute will be dropped from the name of the program. Chair Mauldin stated that the "Smart Commute" events will continue, but it may be confusing for participants to have two names. The Jackson County attendees stated that they would like to be involved.

9. **RWJF CULTURE OF HEALTH APPLICATION - DISCUSSION**

Ms. Tinsey stated that the HIO will be awarding a \$25,000 grant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award and that applications were being accepted.

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10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS - DISCUSSION

- Mr. Dawson updated the group on the progress of the Jackson County Non-Motorized Plan. Region 2 Planning Commission has set aside the required funds for the project, and the City of Jackson has agreed to the 10% local match. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has agreed to the required 10% local match as well. The next step of the process is a Work Program amendment.

- Mr. Jancek informed the group that Spicer Group is conducting a feasibility Study for the trail crossing from Blackman Township to the City of Jackson. This study is being funded with Recreational Trail Funds.

- There was a brief discussion about trail maintenance and a "Friends of the Trail" program.

- Mr. Jancek informed the group about the Blackman Township Trick or Treat event.

- Mr. Gulock informed the group about the MDOT University Region Bike and Pedestrian meeting.

- Ms. Masoud informed the group about the JATA "Try Transit" event downtown at the transit center.

11. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS - NOVEMBER MEETING

Chair Mauldin stated that she would like to discuss the Safe Routes to School program, and walk or bike to school programs. The group briefly discussed the education vs. infrastructure portions of the program.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, Chair Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

Aaron Dawson
Region 2 Planning Commission