



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

City Council Workshop

Minutes

October 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor McDaniel at 5:30 PM

LOCATION:

Admin Conference Room, City Hall, 1827 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, and Verbeke

Absent: Council Member Cionka

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, City Attorney Beckerleg, Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, Community Development Director Cohen, City Planner Keenan, Construction Coordinator Lang, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Recreation and Senior Services Director Adcock, Management Assistant Hagge, Engineers Juidici & Driesenga

2 Guests

The topic of the workshop was the Riverwalk Four-Phase Plan Presentation.

Engineers Juidici and Driesenga presented the Riverwalk Four-Phase Plan. Mr. Juidici reviewed the history of the 2009 plan and noted a lot has been done already. Ms. Driesenga explained that the riverwalk project has been split into four phases. She explained the approximate cost, potential challenges, permits and easements that would be needed for each phase.

Phase A would connect Old Adams Rd to the riverwalk in River Woods Park. Phase B would connect the bridge to the path in River Woods Park. She noted that Phase B is located entirely on City property and no easements would be required. It was confirmed that the plan is to use some of the mowed pathways in the park. Phase C would connect the existing pathway at River Woods Park to the Skate Park. By increasing the width of the pathway, the DPW vehicles can utilize it for work they may need to perform. Phase D would connect Squirrel Rd to the American Legion on Churchill Rd. The connections, topography constraints and bridge were discussed. Phase D1 would consist of a sidewalk to connect the American Legion to Auburn Rd, along Churchill Rd.

Council discussed various aspects of the phases, as well as funding opportunities and easements needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk