



## **Zionsville Pathways Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2025**

**Members Present:** Craig Melton, Brad Gressel, Emily Makinson, Bethany Narkiewicz, Dan Fowler

**Members absent:** Jody Miller, Kim Storen, Lance Lantz, DPW

**Guests:** George Lewis, Town Engineer (town liaison), Whitney Vredenburg

**Zionsville Town Hall**

Meeting Called to order 6:00 pm

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes from February 5, 2025, April 16, 2025 and special meeting July 29, 2025; approved 5-0
- 2) Status report on action items from July meeting related to Health by Design Safe Routes to School Grant (SRTS) opportunity
  - a) Craig Melton discussed with Lance Lantz (DPW) and Deputy Mayor and stated both are supportive of effort and would like to stay involved; Deputy Mayor would like town attorney to vet grant agreement
  - b) Brad Gressel met with a representative from Health by Design to review general approach
    - i) Grant funds may be utilized to create an action plan for safe routes to schools
    - ii) Grant funds may not be used directly to pay Health by Design for consulting services, however all grant awardees receive 10 hours of technical assistance from Health by Design
  - c) Bethany Narkiewicz indicated she has not yet heard back from the ZCS Safety Director but will continue to reach out. She also indicated the Mayors Youth Advisory Council is interested in providing representatives to join as guests at future Pathways Committee meetings
- 3) Based on the information gathered, the Committee agreed it's unlikely that we can achieve the August 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for this grant opportunity, but would like to organize around the spring opportunity
- 4) The Committee will invite Health by Design to attend a future Pathways Committee for educational and planning purposes for spring application; Brad will coordinate

- 5) Update from George Lewis, Town Engineer
  - a) Status of current and ongoing Pathways projects
- 6) Adjournment
  - a) Next meeting to be confirmed
  - b) Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm; approved 4-0