

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

October 8, 2009

9:00 AM

IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heath Hoftiezer, Steve Natz, John Snobeck, Denny Pottebaum, Michelle Wolf, Sgt. Galen Smidt, Lisa Huemoeller, Bill Smith, Darin Daby, Susan Foster, Teresa Boysen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marilyn Buskohl, Craig Smith, Kerry Larson, Diane Hall, Dallas Hofer, Lt. Jerome Miller, Brandi Kowalczyk

GUESTS PRESENT

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Heath Hoftiezer mentioned a couple of changes to September minutes: Public Input-strike the sentence that reads "currently, a sidewalk is being installed on the north side of the school." New Business-City Engineering-strike "By Laws" and replace with "Flashing Beacon Policy." Bill Smith also asked that the Rosa Parks PATH map item that was briefly discussed be added to minutes. A motion was made by John Snobeck to approve the September minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Teresa Boysen. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Sgt. Galen Smidt updated the group on the 49th and Sycamore, and Marion and Windsor Way intersections. These areas have a couple of kids crossing and speed has been an issue. The Police Department monitored these areas for a couple of days and didn't see any kids crossing. Due

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to the cooler weather the kids may be driven to school. This area will continue to be monitored.

Sgt. Smidt reported that a committee was established to address traffic issues in the Six Mile Road area. Several representatives from both the County and City including law enforcement agencies, school board, and traffic engineering were present. After the meeting, law enforcement personnel patrolled this stretch of road everyday for three weeks. In the first three days about 4-6 tickets were written. After the third day, no tickets were issued. Sgt. Smidt said that this area will continue to be monitored a day or two a month.

- *City Engineering:* Heath briefed the committee on a study that was done for installing a flashing beacon at the Six Mile Road location. In order for a beacon to be installed four out of six warrants need to be met by policy. Currently, this area meets four. Upon Committee approval, the City will work with the County on cost sharing. Heath asked for a motion to recommend installing a flashing beacon. A motion was made by Bill Smith to continue with plans to install a flashing beacon at Six Mile road. The motion was seconded by Steve Natz. Motion passed unanimously. Heath added that the beacon should be installed by December. There was a brief discussion on when sidewalks would be installed so a safe route (PATH map) can be established. At this point, no plans have been made. A task force has been formed and is looking at several different options. Heath will report any new developments to the committee.
- *Private Schools:*
- *Public Schools:* Dallas and Heath are working on a sketch of the new Rosa Parks PATH map. The proposed plan is to have students walk from Alpine to 26th Street. Currently, the students are being bused through the end of the school year. Next year this new PATH map will be used. The map will be brought to next month's meeting for approval.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* No report

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- *Private Schools:* No report
- *Public Schools:* Bill Smith reported that a parent contacted him regarding the safe path route to John Harris Elementary. The parent lives in an apartment complex near Harmodon Park south of 54th Street. Currently, students cross Sycamore and Bahnson which is a very busy intersection. Heath said he would follow-up.

In closing, Bill mentioned that he recently attended an advisory board meeting for the Department of Education. A task force was formed to discuss school crime violence. A member of the task force has developed and patented a GPS unit that is small enough to fit in a coat pocket. He went on to explain the features and how technology like this will change the future of child safety.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held November 12, 2009 at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.