

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11, 2010

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, John Snobeck, Dennis Pottebaum, Sharon Chontos, Dallas Hofer, Brandi Kowalczyk, Darin Daby, Dave McIntire, Lt. Jerome Miller, Craig Smith, Bill Smith, Steve Natz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marilyn Buskohl, Kerry Larson, Michelle Wolf, Susan Foster, Teresa Boysen, Diane Hall, Lisa Huemoeller

GUESTS PRESENT

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by John Snobeck to approve the January minutes. Motion was seconded by Craig Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No Report
- *City Engineering:* No Report
- *Private Schools:* No Report
- *Public Schools:* Bill Smith inquired about the new Rosa Parks PATH map. This map will be finalized once the school district has made a final determination on the busing boundaries for Rosa Parks.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Lt. Jerome Miller introduced Sgt. Dave McIntire to the Committee. Sgt. McIntire is the replacement for Galen Schmidt. Sgt. McIntire mentioned that he can be reached at the same contact number.
- *City Engineering:* Heath Hoftiezer provided a handout that contained information on Senate Bill 98. This Bill revises certain provisions regarding the yielding of the right-of-way to pedestrians making a crossing of a highway. The main verbiage change: "no pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard." The insurance companies are asking for this legislation to put responsibly on the pedestrian and not the driver
- The next issue Heath discussed was the possible removal of the traffic signal at 12th Street and Elmwood. This would affect the Garfield Elementary PATH map. Due to recent boundary changes, the students who previously utilized this area north of 12th Street are now being bused. Bill Smith didn't know how many students still crossed in this area and recommended having an extensive traffic study done before the signal is removed. Heath concurred and said the Traffic Office will be conducting a study in the near future.
- *Private Schools:* Sharon Chontos asked the Committee for suggestions pertaining to crossing guard training at St. Mary's. Bill Smith suggested contacting the AAA office who provides a pamphlet and video for kids to watch and reference. He also mentioned that a police officer can come to the school and provided information as well. He added that typically the schools pay for the safety vests but sometimes a grant will cover the costs.
- *Public Schools:* No Report

In closing, Dallas Hofer mentioned that the PATH Committee still has two member openings for the Northwest public school and Southwest public school. Bill Smith said that he has contacted the Principals in these areas but hasn't received any replies. He will contact them again.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held March 11, 2010 at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.