

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

March 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, Dave McIntire, Lt. Jerome Miller, Craig Smith, Bill Smith, Steve Natz, Marilyn Buskohl, Kerry Larson (9:10 a.m.), Susan Foster, Diane Hall, Michelle Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT

Teresa Boysen, Lisa Huemoeller, Darin Daby

GUESTS PRESENT

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by John Snobeck to approve the February minutes. Motion was seconded by Lt. Jerome Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No Report
- *City Engineering:* No Report
- *Private Schools:* No Report
- *Public Schools:* No Report

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No Report
- *City Engineering:* Heath provided a handout to the group which showed responses to the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) survey that was sent out to area schools. All survey responses are officially due back to the Traffic Office on March 18. According to the responses received so far, the four biggest reasons parents don't allow children to walk to school: safety of intersection and crossings, amount and speed of traffic, weather, and distance. Bottom of handout showed the National Household Travel Survey that was done through the federal government. Rapid City and Sioux falls went through both the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Department of Transportation and added additional surveys for the last year and a half. When surveys were sent out, 88 of the random responses included trips to and from school on Monday thru Fridays during school week. The result of the survey was a breakdown of reasons for not allowing children to walk/bike to school.

Heath then discussed the SRTS Round 3 application. Heath discussed a few items that will be included in the application per PATH approval: Journey Elementary-Harrisburg: would like to install a flashing beacon at Laquinta. O'Gorman Junior High- Parents expressed desire to have sidewalk installed on an estimated 1000' along the south side of 37th Street from Kiwanis Avenue to the Jr. High parking lot. The Principal and Superintendent of O'Gorman asked that verbiage be added to application that specifies this project will not take precedent over projects that St. Mary's is applying for. Sharon Chontos has been working on the application for St. Mary's and doesn't think the statement is necessary. Heath read a list of several locations that will be included in the application as needing countdown timers, pushbuttons, concrete for ADA accessibility, and in-street yield signs. Other items included in the application are funding for school resource officer materials and incentive programs.

Application will need to be submitted to Pierre by March 25.

A motion was made by Bill Smith to approve the SRTS application as presented; motion was seconded by John Snobeck. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Chontos provided a summary of the projects that St. Mary's will be including in their application. Both Heath and Sharon asked the PATH committee for a letter of support for the applications.

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A motion was made by Dallas Hofer to approve the SRTS application letters of support; motion was seconded by Bill Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

- *Private Schools:* Sharon Chontos provided the group with information regarding the SRTS application for St. Mary's as referenced above.
- *Public Schools:* Bill Smith received call from a parent who lives east of Marion Road. Their children walk to school near 36th Street and said that traffic isn't slowing for children. Heath will look into the matter.

Michelle Wolf inquired when the Bike Rodeo will be held. Dennis Pottebaum, Police Department, replied that it will be held June 3 at the Cathedral School from 5-8 p.m. Approximately 75 kids plus parents typically attend this event. Area businesses are involved and free helmets are distributed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held April 8, 2010 at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.