

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING December 08, 2011 9:00 AM IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Wolf, Todd Vik, John Snobeck, Heath Hoftiezer, Marilyn Buskohl, Brandi Kowalczyk, Doug Morrison, Teresa Boysen, Susan Foster, Diane Hall, Sharon Chontos

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerry Larson, Craig Smith, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Bob Draeger, Lt. Jerome Miller Steve Natz

GUESTS PRESENT

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Teresa Boysen moved to approve the November minutes. Motion was seconded by John Snobeck. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* Heath discussed the crossing areas for Washington High School specifically at 6th Street and Sycamore Avenue. Complaints have been made of students crossing so a study was done on where they are crossing and the speed of the traffic in this area. The speed has only decreased by 2 mph after school area flashing lights have been placed and speed equipment showing how fast you are driving where placed in the area. Data was also collected as far as how many students crossed in the different areas.

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Some students used the crosswalk signals while others crossed in the middle of the block. Placing more crosswalks was discussed. General consensus was that they would not be used. Heath will talk with the person that had the main concern with the crosswalks in this area. He will let them know that it was decided that no more crosswalks would be added.

- *Private Schools:* No report
- *Public Schools:* At JFK, the 26th Street and Center Avenue intersection signs are being made.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.
- *City Engineering:* Membership, By-Laws and meeting times were presented to see if any changes should be made.

By-Laws and Membership:

1. Currently there are 19 members consisting of 8 public members and 11 organizations that are represented. There is an issue now with having enough members being present to make a quorum. There are 2 vacancies that have been for open for some time that are not being filled. There are 5 to 6 public members that have been good at attending the meetings with the 7th and 8th positions being hard to fill. Possibly should move this to only having 6 public members. The city PTA position has been open for 3 years, should possibly remove this position. This would leave 16 members total.
2. School Board should be changed to School Representative in the titling.
3. Resident positions possibly should go to 6 instead of 8. Should we accept applications from people outside of city limits? If so, they would need to have an invested interest in the Sioux Falls Schools. Should restrictions be placed on this?
4. Should the quadrant boundaries be changed or should they be removed completely? Representatives would not be for a specific quadrant anymore.
5. Heath will make the By-Law changes and submit them by email to the members. One email will be sent out for approval with a time frame of return of a week. He will make revisions if needed. A final revised email will be sent out for approval with electronic voting on set up in it. If 13 positive responses are received, this will make an approval of the changes.

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Here is the quick overview version of the By-Laws and Membership changes:

1. Change 8 residents to 6 residents.
2. Change the restrictive wording for the resident to less restrictive wording.
3. Removing the quadrant boundaries.
4. Pulling the PTA president out of the 11 organizations.
5. Changing the elementary school principal's titling to Sioux Falls School Representative, changing the Harrisburg and Brandon School's titling to School Representative.
6. Adjusting the wording of the Chairperson's secretary's description.
7. Change 19 members to 16 members.

The meeting time and date were discussed. The starting time will be changed to 8:30am and the meeting date will be changed to every other month.

- *Private Schools:* Received a grant and will be working with The University of SD Government Research Bureau performing evaluation studies. The crossing guard survey will be tested at Saint Mary's School and then returned to the SD DOT. During a previous survey, the crossing guard looked and observed that the parents are the problem and not the students.

AAA and Heath volunteered to help with the study. Adult crossing guards would be used. The question was asked if the public schools would be interested in doing this survey at Mark Twain. There would be a page written survey of observation from the 5th graders. Another survey would involve a walk around when students are being picked up.

The status of the sidewalk at O'Gorman was brought up. A sidewalk will be poured when the plans are ready. The plans need to go through the DOT review process first.

- *Public Schools:* No report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michelle Wolf to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Teresa Boysen. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held January 12, 2012 at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.