

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2012

8:30 AM

IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michelle Wolf, John Snobeck, Heath Hoftiezer, Marilyn Buskohl, Brandi Kowalczyk, Doug Morrison, Teresa Boysen, Diane Hall, Sharon Chontos, Kerry Larson, Jerome Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Smith, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Susan Foster, Steve Natz, Bill Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Diane Bauer

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Teresa Boysen moved to approve the January minutes. Motion was approved by John Snobeck and seconded by Michelle Wolf. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report

- *City Engineering:* Diane Bauer discussed the situation with dropping off her Granddaughter at Washington High School. She picks her up on Meyer Lane and has concern with the traffic not slowing down with students crossing this road. She has been in contact with Heath Hoftiezer, City of Sioux Falls, and has expressed her concern for more safety precautions for crossing students. She also contacted Mr. Nold, President of Washington High School. He stated they are concerned about Meyer Lane as well as students crossing Sycamore Avenue. She asked him if a letter

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could be sent out to the parents in these areas to see if they were worried about their children crossing these roads. He said it could be possible to do this. Heath had pointed out to her that there are traffic lights and crossing paths on Sixth Street and Sycamore Avenue that could be used. She discussed that Lincoln High School has lights for the students to be able to cross. Heath stated these lights were placed because there are over 100 students who cross here. It takes 30 plus students crossing a street to warrant placing a light. Meyer Lane only has about 20 students crossing. It was decided that the school zone between Bahnson and Sycamore should have more school zone signs since it is a quarter of mile in length. Motion was made to add signage by Teresa Boysen and seconded by John Snobeck. Motion passed unanimously.

By-Laws are still being worked on. When the group was established it was established by resolution. In the resolution it specifies member numbers and term lengths. The group has changed the term years and the number of members without a resolution being passed. Heath will now have to pass a resolution thru the Council on all the past changes and current changes. We have been going by a 4 year term limit but it is actually only a 2 year term limit. This means that most of the committee member's terms are expired. The Mayor's office is hesitant to have members that are from outside the city limits of Sioux Falls. This raises questions regarding members from Brandon and Harrisburg schools. Heath is having the attorneys look thru the language to see if a resolution can be made. Applications have been received for new committee members but only two of them are inside city limits. Heath will send something out to do electronic voting on the by- law changes. Last three sets of by-laws changes will be incorporated into a resolution that will go to council to be passed. Heath will keep the group informed.

- *Private Schools:* Sharon Chontos stated that the crossing guard survey was submitted to Heath to look over and he will notify if any changes should be made. They would like to do perform the test this month. The USD student that is working on the survey is also a second degree law student. He was asked to observe and interview the crossing guards. It was found that there is only one good set of student crossing guard rules but it was for adult crossing guards and not children. It was asked if anyone had a one page set of rules that could be used. AAA stated they had a manual they could share. It is felt that the crossing guard training should be done more often

- *Public Schools:* No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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- *Police Department:* Jerome Miller introduced Keith Gries who will be taking Sergeant McIntires place.

- *City Engineering:* A concerned citizen called in regarding children crossing on 9th and Western. It was questioned if a temporary solution should be done until Axtell Park School does there future plans. The four way stop at 10th and Western will be going to traffic signals within the next year. Heath was asked to talk with the principal at Axtell about having students cross here.

Concerned residents called in regarding the parking along 19th St and 4th Ave. When Longfellow School has a school event, residents are not able to park by where they live. The parking is taken up by the parents parking in the area. There is really not anything that can be done since on street parking is open to anyone.

- *Private Schools:* Sharon asked if there is a public safety announcement regarding traffic stopping to let students cross using the crosswalk. Jerome stated that right before the school season starts there is one. School administrators have placed out flyers as well. It was also asked if grant funding was available for the announcements. Heath stated that the Department of Public Safety would know.

- *Public Schools:* No report.

Heath stated that Steve Natz is now term limited. It was decided that elections for chairman, etc. would be done at the March meeting. Heath will be sending out new links to obtain the maps for path.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michelle Wolf to adjourn. Motion was seconded by John Snobeck. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held March 8, 2012 at the IPC Building at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.