

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

August 9, 2012

8:30 a.m.

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, Bob Draeger , Brandi Kowalczyk, Heath Hoftiezer, Kent Alberty, Diane Hall, Marilyn Buskohl, Jerome Miller, Nicholas Ritter, Todd Vik, Heath Hoftiezer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon Chontos, Teresa Boysen, Lisa Huemoeller, Kerry Larson, Craig Smith, Michelle Wolf, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Keith Gries, Susan Foster

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Isaac Wolf attended the meeting for the completion of a Boy Scout merit badge. Amy Christoffels and Karen Winblade are concerned parents of Rosa Parks students. Kent Alberty will be replacing Doug Morrison for the Sioux Falls School Board position.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Heath Hoftiezer moved to approve the May minutes. Motion was approved by Bob Draeger and seconded by Jerome Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report
- *City Engineering:* Heath did an update on the current Engineering projects. The sidewalk at O’Gorman will be combined with other safe route projects. The sidewalk is done and the other area is being completed with some construction to follow this fall or next spring depending on time. Some pedestrian heads are being changed around at other schools in the central to central eastern area of the city for this project. Speed radars will be placed on 26th Street by Van Eps Avenue and also on 33rd Street. There will be signal crossings installed at Roosevelt High

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School going across Sertoma Avenue as part of the project. Michelle Wolf asked about the crosswalk on 57th Street and Bahnson Avenue since the west bound lane has the paint faded off of the crosswalk. Heath stated he would take a look at it to see about repainting the lines. Contractors are currently working on the school crosswalks throughout the city. Micro-Surfacing is currently being done on some streets. The three areas that are close to schools are 18th Street east of Cleveland Avenue, 26th Street between Marion Road and Sertoma Avenue and Sertoma Avenue between 26th Street and 57th Street. The contractor will be doing these areas first since they are in school zones so that they will be done before school starts.

- *Private Schools:* No report.
- *Public Schools:* No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Jerome Miller stated that the Police Department will be doing their school zone enforcement week from August 27 through August 31. They will be patrolling the school zones and every school zone will be worked at least once but most will be several times within the week's period. Marilyn stated that AAA will be sending out a press release on September 16 to all the media.

- *City Engineering:* No report.

- *Private Schools:* Michelle stated that SF Catholic School will be starting on September 16. She asked if the police would be able to patrol Bahnson Avenue from 16th to 18th Street, as well as the other private school zones. Citizens will not expect to watch for students in school zones until August 20.

- *Public Schools:* Amy Christoffels and Karen Winblade, concerned parents of Rosa Park students, expressed their concern of students walking on 26th Street since the students are not bussed anymore. A hand out was dispersed showing why they are requesting a sidewalk be installed from East 28th Street to East 26th Street near Red Oak Drive. Here are the main points of concern:

- 26th Street was considered a hazard by the school district and therefore all students south of 26th Street were bussed.
- Traffic counts on 26th Street have increased in the last 3 years.
- There are 83 families in this area.
- A safe path requires children to pass 4 commercial driveways and 1 multi-family driveway.

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- There are no school zone speed limit signs on 26th Street near the school. Heath stated that these signs are only posted when students would be crossing a street. Since the tunnel is provided for safe access across the street, there will be no school zone speed limit signs placed up.
- Midco Connections, a commercial property on 26th Street, has 45-60 employees arriving to work between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. During their peak season (November-January) they have 75-100 employees arriving at this time.
- On 26th Street, there are 3 blocks that there is no sidewalk for the students to use.
- Most of the property is City owned with some residential property where the sidewalk could be installed. Heath stated that the City land is not an issue but the sidewalk would need to go south and cross onto farmland to be able to tie into 28th Street for complete installation of the sidewalk. The resident that owns the farmland is not willing to negotiate the selling of his land at this time. The City may be able to get the land owner to do a temporary easement so the sidewalk can be installed. Mr. Draeger stated he would address to the children that watching the driveways is very important.

Harvey Dunn students use 33rd Street as a crossing point to get to Sycamore Avenue. A traffic signal light will possibly be installed here within the next two years. If it is in the budget, the light will possibly be installed next year. Heath stated that the City can place crosswalks across Sycamore Avenue, the school crossing warning signs and the 15 mph school zone signs up this year. It was motioned that the crosswalk striping and school zone signage will be placed in this area the week of August 13.

JFK, in the area of Marion Road and 53rd Street, have parents trying to walk their children across this intersection and the traffic does not slow down. The flashers on the signs cannot be used at this intersection because there are not enough kids crossing here. It was motioned that after the overlay is done the crosswalk at this intersection will be repainted.

Motions were made for the following items:

- Changing Pettigrew's bus areas north of 41st Street and south of 57th Street.
- Changing JFK's bus area for south of 57th Street.
- Adding crossings for Harvey Dunn at Sycamore Avenue and adding the new area into the map.
- Taking the Harvey Dunn area out of the Rosa Parks map and adjusting the bus area.

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Heath Hoftiezer moved to approve the motions. Motions were approved by Todd Vik and seconded by Bob Draeger. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heath Hoftiezer to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jerome Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held September 13, 2012 at the IPC Building at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.