

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

May 9, 2013

8:30 a.m.

IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Chontos, Kent Alberty, Heath Hoftiezer, Todd Vik, Marilyn Buskohl, Nick Ritter, Teresa Boysen, Michelle Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerry Larson, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Susan Foster, Lisa Lewis- Huemoeller, Jerome Miller, Brandi Kowalczyk, Keith Gries, Robert Draeger, Diane Hall

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Kent Alberty motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Teresa Boysen. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.

- *City Engineering:* The City council had their working session to discuss what to do with the \$1.8M surplus from last year for the three traffic signals. Tentatively, they are in resolution with the first reading on May 7th and second reading on May 14th. We plan building this summer and to be completed sometime this fall. The three locations are 26th and Red Oak, 33rd and Sycamore, and Sertoma by Roosevelt High School.

Bike Rodeo will be held on May 15th at Laura B Anderson from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have 200 each of nice looking bike helmets and letter lock combinations for easier use. All elementary kids are invited and no sign up required. The kids go through the bike safety course and receive helmet and lock when completed.

Question from Sharon Chontros to Heath Hoftiezer: What is the update of safe

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routes to school for O’Gorman middle school lot? Answer: We have received the notes of the plan back from the SDDOT and incorporating them into the overall building plans. Construction will be starting this summer and completing sometime in September.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.
- *City Engineering:* The Engineering division has received a neighborhood request to install an all-way stop at 22nd and Discovery. Todd Vik will speak with the Principal at the school.

Residents in the northern neighborhood of 22nd and Discovery are requesting 2-hour parking signs along 22nd. They are complaining that since all the teachers are parking along the road it is creating a visibility issue. If drivers are to be traveling at safe speeds there really isn’t a problem pulling out to make a turn. Heath has sent letters to the two residents that live adjacent to the school to request their input.

Question to Heath: In your years of service within this position have you had this more or less complaints such as this year? Answer: This year has been fairly quiet. The group from Rosa Parks wanted the path by that school and we haven’t heard anything since the document had been sent to them.

Question: Have you received any comments regarding construction at Marion since we have placed the speed display signs? Answer: No, they haven’t heard anything. Per Kent Alberty the signs are pretty accurate.

- *Private Schools:*

Question from Michelle Wolf to Heath: Now that south of Mission on Bahnsen Avenue is being developed and people are moving in is the sidewalk going to be completed on the east side of the road? Answer: We haven’t heard any requests from residents, but have had questions regarding snow removal. There is an arterial street with a sidewalk in place in part of the area, but not all of it is completely developed. Heath will look into it a little more as the area keeps growing.

- *Public Schools:* No report.

Question from Sharon Chontos: Do we know anything about board membership and

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what we can do to help fill the vacancies? Answer: We have specific locations open and if you know of anyone would be interested in serving in a citizen position to let them know to apply. Brandi's time is currently up, but has been approved to continue to serve until a replacement is available.

Question: Have we invited PTA? Answer: We have, but it has fallen through. We have tried reaching out to them for the last couple of years and are not interested. We have talked with the State PTA Director and he was going to try to talk with the City PTA President and Vice President to encourage staff to join or attend. If Heath hears concerns from parents regarding those locations that have current openings he encourages them to apply. Michelle Wolf will also talk with Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller to see how we can get in front of parents to let them know about the open positions.

We may need to put into our school newsletters and state the dates needed they can see how and what time is to be committed to the board. All those that would like to serve just need an interest in child safety. They do not need to have elementary children of their own to become a member of the board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michelle Wolf to adjourn; motion was seconded by Marilyn Buskohl. Motion passed unanimously.

- The next meeting will be held August 8, 2013, at the IPC Building at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.