

SIoux FALLS SChOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13, 2014

12:00 p.m.

IPC Board Rooms 1 & 2

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Chontos, Heath Hoftiezer, Kent Alberty, Todd Vik, Nick Ritter, Troy Miller, Lt. Troy Lubbers, Officer Robert Draeger, Marilyn Buskohl, Michelle Wolf, and Nicole Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Foster, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Teresa Boysen, Mike Munzke, Kerry Larson, Diane Hall, Lisa Lewis Huemoeller, Sergeant Randy Brink, and Brandi Kowalczyk

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Chontos asked for a motion to approve the September 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kirk Zeeck, Principal, Annie Sullivan Elementary

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.
- *City Engineering:*
 - 1) Heath Hoftiezer discussed the PATH by-laws and the proposed changes to changing from public and private titles and geographical boundaries to from eight to six residents. Also changes to remove the PTA positions as this has not been filled for the last ten years and have not found anyone interested in serving those positions. Also changes to the language to include members being able to serve that live outside the city, and the addition of the electronic voting. Heath will send out an email with the proposed changes for review. After 15 days (minimum review period) with any changes can be completed through email with the

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strikethroughs and additions.

2) Traffic Engineering has been researching and reviewing to update the flashing light criteria by public schools. The criteria was created in the late 1970s is very restricted for placing flashing lights and signs.

- *Private Schools:* No report.
- *Public Schools:* Todd Vik stated that one of the County Commissioners met with SECOG to explore a grant for the McGovern Middle School sidewalk. It was determined that it wasn't something they would be eligible to apply for.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Officer Draeger was asked by the Lowell School Resource Officer to look into the west side of the school and to remove the boulevard for more options for vehicles to flow better. The school would have to pay for the construction of changes unless a new street is built. Todd Vik will visit with the school principal to see what concerns or options they have.
- *City Engineering:*
 - 1) Hawthorne neighbors near Axtell Park feel that there are terrible traffic issues. Traffic Engineering observed for several days of the issues that were complained about. The Axtell Park kids seemed to be parking in the school parking lot, being well behaved and the traffic flow seemed fine.
 - 2) Traffic Engineering had received a complaint regarding Robert Frost crossing area to add a crosswalk at 41st Street and South 4th Ave. vs. 41st Street and 2nd Avenue. Engineering recommends not to approve this due to cost of adjusting current flashing beacon and the entrance to the school is already on the 4th Avenue.
 - 3) Todd Vik has been speaking with the Principal at Robert Frost and asked that a crosswalk to be installed at the South 1st Avenue entrance between E.38th and E. 40th Streets. A motion was made by Kent Alberty to install a crosswalk and expanding the school zone at the north side of 40th Street and South 1st Avenue. Second by Todd Vik. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- *Private Schools:* Michelle Wolf discussed that there are several parents concerned near Holy Spirit and John Harris of children crossing Bahnson (between East Shepard to East Mission near the south parking lot. Drivers are using the parking lane as a turning or two lane and is not safe for kids to be crossing. The sidewalk is not completed yet with the new construction. Also, there are a few speed limit and no parking signs that are faded and need to be replaced. Traffic Engineering will review and research new crosswalk areas, and replace signs.

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- *Public Schools:* Kirk Zeeck, Principal from Annie Sullivan, asked about the flashing beacons lights at 6th and Bahnson Avenue. This intersection is currently a controlled intersection with push button. Rice and Wayland Avenue near Laura B Anderson School are also a controlled intersection. These two intersections will be reviewed with the new criteria to possibly install flashing beacons.

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Chontos called to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held January 8, 2015, at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street at 12:00 p.m.

2015 Meeting dates have been decided:

January 8
March 12
May 14
August 13
September 10
November 12

Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.