

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 2014

8:30 a.m.

IPC Board Rooms 1 & 2

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Chontos, Heath Hoftiezer, Kent Alberty, Todd Vik, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller, Nick Ritter, Troy Miller, Randy Brink, Curt Daughters

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Kerry Larson, Karen Nash-Claycomb, Susan Foster, Rachel Oelmann, Teresa Boysen, Diane Hall, Marilyn Bushkohl, Mike Munzke, Brandi Kowalczyk, Michelle Wolf, Troy Lubbers, Robert Draeger

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Chontos called to approve the May 1, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* No report.
- *City Engineering:* No report.
- *Private Schools:* No report.
- *Public Schools:* No Report

V. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* The Police Department presented a brochure called 'Do's and Don'ts of Pedestrian Safety'. The brochure was made more streamlined so that it is easier to read. This will be distributed the first week of school. The second week of school is when they might start more towards the enforcement side of it along with the educational component. These will be distributed by the police by hand. Randy

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asked what would be the best way to distribute the brochures through the schools.

- ❖ For the Catholic schools, they can be sent home in the students back packs.
 - ❖ For public schools, they can be placed in the 'Friday' folders.
 - ❖ Hand them out in orientation.
 - ❖ Sharon stated possibly during the school 'Open House', they could be distributed along with the PATH map for that particular school. Heath will send out the link for the current PATH map on the City website.
- *City Engineering:* Troy Miller has been working with the Garfield and Oyate Community Center principal on changes on how the drop off and pick up of students are done. They would like to have the buses in the parking lot instead. This would make more space for parents as they are dropping off and picking up their child/children.

Heath has met with the attorneys over the past few months regarding Bylaws. The attorneys stated that there is a possibility that some of the changes done with the PATH committee are valid and that they might not have to go through the Council. Heath is working with them on which set of Bylaws will need to be updated. Heath has also had some strategy sessions with the Mayor's office to discuss ways to have more parent attendance at the meetings. One change proposed was to have the PATH meetings over the lunch hour instead of in the morning with lunch being provided. Kent stated that the committee should try it for 6 months. If the parent attendance was still low, the meeting could go back to the morning time frame. The committee decided that this new time would be started with the next meeting in September.

Heath gave a construction update:

- ❖ 41st Street and Sertoma Avenue: Sertoma Avenue is open but 41st Street is still closed to the west. There will be some congestion for the first couple of months of the school year until this construction is completed.
- ❖ Panama Street and Sertoma Avenue: Is open. Heath has received parking restriction requests for this area along with the area of Laura B Anderson School.
- ❖ Maple Street: This is scheduled to open on Friday, August 8.
- ❖ Spring Avenue: Paving has been done around Spring Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue.
- ❖ Arrowhead Parkway and Sycamore Avenue: This intersection is open in all directions with only one lane of through traffic and only one left hand turn lane in each direction. It will be in this phase through late September which will cause some congestion when school starts.

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- ❖ Six Mile Road: The area south of Fred Assam is paved and done.
 - ❖ Sycamore Avenue: On south Sycamore Avenue, south of 57th Street, there are some students from the Harrisburg district in a closed area. Heath has been working with Harrisburg on trying to coordinate their bus pickups.
 - ❖ Holbrook Avenue: On Holbrook Avenue, south of 57th Street, it still has the top lift of paving left to be done but the first 2 inches of asphalt have been placed so the road is drivable.
 - ❖ 33rd Avenue and Sycamore Avenue: The signal has been installed and is functioning at this intersection now.
 - ❖ Marion Road Bridge: The Bridge north of Maple Avenue on Marion Road will be replaced starting as soon as Maple Avenue is fully open. This may affect the pedestrian routes for the students of McGovern School.
- *Private Schools*: No Report
 - *Public Schools*: Todd had a meeting with the principal at Mark Twain. There is construction going on at the south end of the lot for the new school going up, he recommend a change to the PATH route. At 28th Street and Center Avenue, the principal would like to not have students crossing here because of the new construction. She would like to have the students go north to 27th Street to cross. She also requested 'No Parking' signs on the south side of 27th Street in front of the school. Heath stated he would get the crosswalks adjusted made. Next year the committee will want to look at possibly updating the PATH map.

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Chontos called to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held September 11, 2014, at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.