

SIoux FALLS SChOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 2014

12:00 p.m.

IPC Board Rooms 1 & 2

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Sharon introduced Nicole Barnes as visitor. She will be applying for a Board Membership within the month.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Chontos asked for a motion to approve the August 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

A discussion was led by Kent Alberty regarding the lack of sidewalks at the new McGovern Middle School. The school will continue to bus children until sidewalks are in place. They ensure they have all students a ride, even those that have afterschool activities. They also try to make sure there are no students walking along

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the road.

There was a concern of the rural speed limit in front of the school. Traffic Engineering has installed School Ahead signs with flashers, and lowered the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph during non-school hours and down to 15 mph during school hours.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:*

The Police Department received a request from the SRO at Edison Middle School to expand the cross walks and flashers near the school.

Troy Lubbers brought up the topic of the use a cellphone and texting ban while in school policy. He asked the question if we should make this a priority for this group. Does the City of Sioux Falls have the language already stated within the citywide ban.

A question was asked if it would be possible to install speed bumps in front of the schools to slow traffic down. Heath stated that it is not possible to install speed bumps due to liability for motorcycle crashes. It is possible to install speed tables or humps however it does slow down snow removal, and creates slower response times for emergency vehicles.

- *City Engineering:*

Traffic Engineering has had discussions of installing School Ahead signs that laminate versus the flashing beacon traffic lights. There is quite a substantial difference in costs. A flashing beacon traffic light runs about \$25,000 and a sign that laminate/LED run about \$2000. Roosevelt currently has the types of signs for 25 mph. The PATH group will need to look into the policy and to make it little less restrictive to be able to install more of the laminate/LED signs at multiple locations.

Nick Ritter had received complaints from parents regarding the intersection of lone and S. Discovery Avenue. Engineering is looking for options of possible left turn lane and to remove the South crosswalk, and also to possibly remove the parking lane at Discovery Elementary (see attachment). He has spoken with the Principal and did survey the morning commute. Sharon Chontos stated that there are the same issues at Patrick Henry and at St. Mary's. This is an issue at 26th and McKennan Park as well.

Engineering is working on signage changes. 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.

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Patrick Henry has been having issues with people parking in the bus pick up area until 3:00. The buses will be arriving earlier in the afternoon to avoid this overlap.

- *Private Schools:*

Kudos to the Police Department for handing out the flyers at the beginning of the school year this year. It was well received by the public.

The Avera Tradition of Caring for public service announcements does not accept applications until October-November, but would like to clarify that the City would be the applicant. Sharon will follow up with conversation with Avera.

Michelle Wolf requested the Police Department to review and monitor speeds near Harvey Dunn and Holy Spirit schools.

- *Public Schools:* No report

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Chontos called to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held November 13, 2014, at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Discovery Elementary



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