

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

August 11, 2016

8:30 a.m.

IPC Conference Room 3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heath Hoftiezer, Troy Miller, Todd Vik, Tallon Cazer, Lt Jeff Garden, Teresa Boysen, Nicole Barnes, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kent Alberty, Marilyn Buskhol, Diane Hall, Sgt. Randy Brink, Officer Robert Draeger, and Crystal Reuter

VISITORS

Mike Cooper, City Planning & Zoning Director, Shape Oak View representatives, Lori Wika and Joy Schroeder, Dr. Kirk Zeeck, Annie Sullivan School Principal, Jeff Kreiter, Director of Operational Services for SF School District, and Megan Raposa, Argus Leader

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the May meeting minutes by Teresa Boysen. Second by Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller. All approved, motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT: Sixth Street & Bahnson Avenue apartment complex - see New Business

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:*
 - 12th Street & Elmwood Avenue – Troy Miller discussed the possibility of removing the signal at 12th Street and Elmwood Avenue as students are being bussed to Garfield. Todd Vik will look into further and report back.

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- 18th Street & Fourth Avenue – Update that the 90 day mark for filing a petition is Friday, August 12, and this intersection will go to a four-way stop and the traffic signals will be removed.
- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public School:* None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department* – Lt. Garden stated as the new school year begins zone enforcement will begin the first few weeks of school and then to full enforcement thereafter.
- *City Engineering* – Sixth & Bahnson Apartment Development
 - Mike Cooper, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the most recent proposed Lloyd Companies apartment development at the 6th & Bahnson. He is asking for questions, concerns, and recommendations from the group before returning to the September 13 City Council meeting. Two handouts were provided (attached). Overview of project:
 - Within the development there will be 112 apartment units ranging from \$800-\$1100 depending upon number of bedrooms. There will be 184 parking spots for the complex. Currently the intersection does not line up, but within the proposed development it will connect. The pond will be used as a detention pond for heavy rains with gradual draining.
 - When meeting with Lloyd companies the three things they were to concentrate on were the traffic impacts, storm water drainage and density of the housing development.
 - The crosswalk is currently on the eastside of the intersection. With the realignment of the intersection there will be crosswalks on all sides of the intersection.
 - Comments, Questions and Concerns:
 - With the newly proposed intersection and the volume of traffic from the apartments there are still concerns of parents for drop off as well as children walking to school at this intersection. With volume of traffic in and out of the apartments there would be about 800 trips.
 - Based on the number of units and parking spots, up to 184, it would be adding more traffic on the school route. There will be two curb cuts to allow traffic in and out of the apartment complex parking lot that are on the direct route to school. With the proximity of the school and the complex, when are the traffic moves more likely going to take

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place?

- The majority of the traffic patterns will be all aspects of the day. Hoftiezer stated that the most conflict with traffic will be in the morning commute versus the afternoon commute. Hoftiezer suggested to Cooper to speak with the developer about traffic calming measures such as having an elevated sidewalk from the driveway. This would help control speeds going in and out of the parking lots.
- Krieger stated the setbacks of the parking area are too close to the road. Can these be moved back?
 - Per Cooper there are a few details that are in need of modification.
- Krieger asked Dr. Zeeck how far back the stacks are at the intersection. Dr. Zeeck answered that the traffic comes from two different ways. One is that Washington High School pulls in a lot of vehicles. For the Annie Sullivan drop off times the high volume time is 7:45-8:00 am drop off which is similar to most schools.
 - Did you have crossing guards at this intersection? There have been too many instances at the intersection of Sixth & Bahnson where the crossing guards were ridiculed, so they had to be removed. Hoftiezer commented that when they removed the crossing guards, traffic engineering then added the leader pedestrian movement interval to give the students access the crosswalks.
- Krieger commented that the offset intersection will make it safer to cross as it may slow traffic down for pedestrians to cross. Hoftiezer stated there would be crosswalks all the way around the intersections.
- Hoftiezer commented on the biggest concern is the apartment complex driveways and placing an elevated driveway would help calm entering and exiting traffic.
- Cooper stated that one focus is try to provide a landscape buffer, but not to block the site lines for traffic and pedestrians.
- In regard to the proposed pond area...according to engineering design standards the pond is not intended to be filled with water. What are the requirements for the pond to be fenced in along the school route and with the city transit system running alongside of it if it should fill with water?

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- Hoftiezer will have the City Principal Drainage Engineer comment.
- There are drivers that will complete U-turns at Annie Sullivan School to pick up students. The primary pick up and drop off site causes a backup along the street that has 2 hour parking along the school route.
 - Per Lt. Garden he will have the SRO of that school to monitor traffic flow. They can also designate parking and no parking times.
- Cooper thanked the group for attending and bringing their comments, questions, and recommendations.
- *Private Schools*- Private schools begin on August 22. Heath will send out the listing of all school start dates to the group.
- *Public Schools*: None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: None

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on September 8, 2016 located at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.