

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2016

8:30 a.m.

IPC Conference Rooms 1 & 2

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, Kent Alberty, Officer Robert Draeger

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marilyn Buskhol, Diane Hall, Sgt. Randy Brink, Crystal Reuter

VISITORS

Joy Schroeder, Oak View Neighborhood Association

Mike Munzke, Harrisburg School District

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to accept the August meeting minutes by Kent Alberty. Second by Teresa Boysen. Amendment to City Unfinished Business: 18th Street and Fourth Avenue, intersection will go to a two way stop, not a four way. All approved, motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT:

Joy Schroeder, representing Oak View Neighborhood Association came to voice her concerns regarding Sixth and Bahnson Avenue. After the June 1, 2016 Planning Committee seemed to dismiss their concerns and recommended to push it forward, it was suggested to her to come the PATH Committee and voice their concerns.

When we approached you in August, the developer had come up with a revised plan which was presented to you last month. This was not the plan that was presented at planning commission or city council. There could be contentious development to public schools and PATH's input was going to be considered after the fact. The PATH Committee was given information that wasn't even presented at the initial planning meeting. Presented to PATH was that intersection was going to be aligned at that offset and that was never actually part of the proposal to the planning commission nor part of the proposal given to City Council.

We as an association are going to continue to pursue this. It isn't just about Anne Sullivan or Sixth Street and Bahnson Avenue, this is about anytime there is a school district that could be affected.

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Why aren't these developers required to come to a PATH meeting first? Many of them may not be issues at a particular school location. Anne Sullivan intersection has been a problem for a long time, if the PATH committee had been consulted prior to the planning committee meeting or at the very least if the planning committee had to defer their vote until after it had been to the PATH committee. The PATH committee's involvement has been reactive instead of proactive. Joy looked at map of the items on Agenda today and it looks look like you are trying to be proactive. We are going to take these kinds of issues to City Council, we are going to recommend that anytime you have significant public input about safety concerns around the school district, and then it definitely needs to be deferred to PATH before they can even take a vote on it.

Encourage this as a committee, this is the place for these kinds of discussions should be had before the Planning Commission and pass it off for full consideration to City Council. We know there are potential changes by next Tuesday's meeting, but this is still something that could be an issue going forward, could be some contentious issues by the Rosa Parks Elementary School. It is important that we are aware. 177 apartment units across from Rosa Parks and extensive development in that area. The Engineering and planning permitting need to work more hand in hand on what the school district has going on. If a school is built next to a residential area is required to give more of a buffer than a proposed RA1 apartment complex is required to give a the school playground. I encourage the PATH team to stay active on this committee and to raise questions and concerns and speak up, we don't hear enough about the work that the PATH committee does.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:*
Last meeting school zone enforcement started Tuesday. Most of the traffic officers were moved from normal shift to day shift for the first two weeks and will be a gradual enforcement into the third. Everyone off the night traffic will be moved to days and the enforcement will be at all the school zones. This is a three week project for complete enforcement throughout the City.
- *City Engineering:*
Sixth Street and Bahnson Avenue second reading at the Council on Tuesday next week. A lot of things are changing, keep an eye on what gets proposed at the location, make sure that our concerns are heard throughout the process.
- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public School:* None

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:*
Distributed a handout for a work order being put together for Horizon Elementary School. We are proposing to put in four crosswalks and installing school zone signs around the school. The map will be drawn up shortly for the school in the next week or two and will be available for approval at the next meeting for this location based on the crosswalks and signage that we are proposing to put there. There is a pedestrian bridge that crosses the drainage channel. There are some challenges north of the bridge, kids have to walk on a gravel road for a little ways to get to the bridge. Other challenges are uncompleted sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks. We are working to complete the curb ramps and crosswalks, but the developer may not have the sidewalk put in this year.

Todd Vik is talking with the principal. It is hard to configure since there are no homes there. They did discuss the crosswalks, and don't see an alternative to the ones the City has placed.

- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public Schools:*
Sonia Sotomayor opened, which is a unique school and quite big, 500 students, 600 plus students when full. None of the students necessarily come from the neighborhood and there is no established bus route. Maybe 100 students take offered bussing. The school has only been there a year, so the neighborhood is not used to it yet. There is also construction across the street and the Baptist church to the north is for sale as well. Ask neighbors be patient, as the other things change, the parking problem should be resolved in the next year.

Public Works has not had any calls regarding this school. The few we have gotten are people wanting to remove parking from various areas so it is easier for them to drive through. This is the way it has been designed to keep traffic slower, and most people are happy with this explanation.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

IVII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on January 12, 2016 located at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.