

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



SIoux FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

November 8, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Conference Rooms 1 & 2

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Barnes, Troy Miller, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller Todd Vik, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, David Heinold, Sgt. Kevin Henkel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heath Hoftiezer, Carly Reiter, Crystal Reuter, Moria Beznoska, Officer Robert Draeger, Lt. David McIntire, Nancy Hagen, Tallon Cazer, Marilyn Buskohl

VISITORS: Melanie Bliss

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION:

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes by Snobeck. Second by Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller. Roll call: Yeses: Nicole Barnes, Troy Miller, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller Todd Vik, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, David Heinold, Sgt. Kevin Henkel. Noes: None. Motion approved.

- III. PUBLIC INPUT: Melanie Bliss came to PATH with concerns regarding crosswalks at West 28th Street and South Main Avenue. There have been reports of close calls between children and vehicles. A big portion of the problem was that drivers were avoiding Minnesota Avenue due to the construction at 26th Street which significantly increased volumes on Main Avenue. Now that construction is complete at 26th and Minnesota that additional traffic will move back to Minnesota Avenue. Troy Miller asked for a motion to do a short study with tube counts and discuss the results at the next PATH meeting to see if any additional intersection controls or crossing enhancements would be warranted at this location. Miller will observe this crossing and Sgt. Henkel could put up speed trailer. Motion to approve by Snobeck. Second by Barnes. Roll call: Yeses: Nicole Barnes, Troy Miller, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller Todd Vik, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, David Heinold, Sgt. Kevin Henkel. Noes: None. Motion approved.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* Report on Saturation for School Zones by Sgt. Kevin Henkel. Enforcement went well. The second week was lower in numbers because less people were available due to staffing for other events. There was still enforcement coverage each day of the second week. Sgt. Henkel distributed a report of the enforcement results.
- *City Engineering:* None
- *Private Schools:* None

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- *Public School:* None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- *Police Department:* None
- *City Engineering:* 2019 Meeting dates. Motion to approve by Snobeck. Second by Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller. Roll call: Yeses: Nicole Barnes, Troy Miller, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller Todd Vik, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, David Heinold, Sgt. Kevin Henkel. Noes: None. Motion approved.
- *Private Schools:* None
- *Public Schools:*

- a) Hayward Elementary crossing at 12th Street and Valley View Road.** Traffic Engineering received complaints regarding the safety of the crosswalk due to the dark conditions in the mornings. Miller observed the crossing one morning and only observed two students making the crossing. Both students were dressed in dark clothing and neither one pushed the pedestrian button to cross (most likely due to the lateral offset of the button from the crossing ramp). The Light Department is working on replacing two of the existing street lights with LED lights to increase visibility and possibly adding one more over the signal. The pedestrian button offset will be addressed and plans will be made to relocate it in the future as funding is available. Miller did talk to the principal the importance of pushing the button for driver awareness when they see the walk symbol. Todd Vik also sent a message to parents to have their children wear lighter clothing and the school is sending a staff member to observe the crossing.
- b) Walkability/bikeability assessment – David Heinold.** David requested a recommendation from the PATH committee to submit for a grant by December 3, 2018, to receive some funding to make the Pettigrew Heights Neighborhood safer and more accessible for children to walk to school and to have a pedestrian-friendly environment that encourages healthy lifestyles and increased activity in the Pettigrew Heights neighborhood. The study would be done by SDSU students. PATH will also continue the discussion at the January meeting regarding a walkability and bikeability survey open to all Public/Private/Harrisburg/Tea/Brandon schools for the communities to come together and encourage walkability. Motion to approve by Snobeck. Second by Heinold. Roll call: Yeses: Nicole Barnes, Troy Miller, Lisa Lewis-Huemoeller Todd Vik, Mike Munzke, John Snobeck, David Heinold, Sgt. Kevin Henkel. Noes: None. Motion approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 8:48 a.m. The next meeting will be held on January 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the IPC Building located at 201 East 38th Street.

Maureen Buller, Secretary

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