

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2009

9:00 AM

Carnegie Town Hall / Multi-Purpose Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sgt. Galen Smidt, Kent Alberty, Dallas Hofer, John Snobeck, Heath Hoftiezer, Steve Natz, Diane Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Madigan, Marilyn Buskohl, Lisa Robison, Teresa Boysen, Hercules Campbell, Brandi Kowalczyk, Lt. Jerome Miller, Lisa Huemoeller, Bill Smith, Dennis Pottebaum, Craig Smith, Kerry Larson

GUESTS PRESENT

Michelle Wolf (Holy Spirit School) and Beth Kassing (Foth)

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Michelle Wolf and Beth Kassing introduced themselves to the PATH Committee. Michelle has children attending Holy Spirit and has volunteered to be the representative for Private Schools-Southeast. She will be the replacement for Jessica Armstrong. Beth was a guest representing Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by John Snobeck to approve the January minutes; motion was seconded by Kent Alberty. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Police Department

Galen updated the Committee regarding a previous concern with John Harris Elementary near the intersection of 49th and Bahnson. This area was experiencing heavy traffic which resulted in an unsafe school crossing environment. Crossing guards were given more signage which allowed

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them to become more visible to motorists. This area has continued to be monitored and significant improvements have been reported. Galen added that traffic has substantially decreased due to 57th Street being reopened.

Galen reported that motorists at JFK and Anne Sullivan Elementary are stopping on the street in front of school and unloading their children creating traffic issues. These areas will continue to be monitored.

Galen also reported a complaint at Lowell Elementary (18th & Summit). A significant number of students walk to school and traffic is an issue. Galen will continue to monitor this area.

- **City Engineering**

Dallas reported that the 15 mph speed limit signs located near Patrick Henry Elementary have been moved back a ½ block on both 5th Avenue and Woodlawn Drive due to a new parking area being constructed.

Joe Foss School (3rd & Cliff)-The City has installed signage around Joe Foss School. The Student Committee had made a recommendation to the PATH Committee to install 15 mph signage on the north side of 2nd Street, south side of 3rd Street, and Sherman Avenue. No crosswalks will be established.

- **Private Schools**

- **Public Schools**

Dallas updated the Committee on the plans for the new Pettigrew Elementary School located in the southwest area of the city. Dallas estimated that about 200 students live between 57th Street and 69th Street, and will be crossing 57th Street to get to school site. Dallas and Heath have monitored the morning traffic at 57th Street and discovered that there are very few gaps in traffic. The City will be installing a traffic signal on 57th Street at Galway Avenue. This signal is expected to serve 80-85% of kids in this area. The City will also be installing a sidewalk on the south side of 57th Street for those students that live on Grinnell. Dallas mentioned that Kline Avenue doesn't have direct access to school yet due to a tree farm in the area. Students in the Kline Avenue area will have to be taken to school or a possible bussing route will have to be established. A new PATH map will be made for this area.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Police Department:
- City Engineering:
Dallas presented new PATH maps for Hawthorne and St. Josephs. The only change was moving the crosswalk to the south side of the street.

A motion was made by Galen Smidt to approve the PATH maps; motion was seconded by John Snobeck. Motion passed unanimously.

Heath Hoftiezer updated the Committee on the Safe Routes to School program. The application for this year will need to be submitted by the middle of April. The schools that will be focused on will include those located in the central part of Sioux Falls: Lowell, Longfellow, Mark Twain, Horace Mann, Cleveland, and Eugene Field. The City will be applying for infrastructure improvements that would include equipment like traffic signals with countdown timers and another radar device that could be used at 26th street by Horace Mann Elementary. The Committee approved of this area and asked the City Traffic Office to proceed with the application process. Updates on this issue will be forthcoming.

- Private Schools
- Public Schools:

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on **April 9** at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.