

# SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



## **PATH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 8, 2009**

**9:00 AM**

**IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3**

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sgt. Galen Smidt, Brandi Kowalczyk, Lt. Jerome Miller, Kent Alberty, Lisa Huemoeller, Bill Smith (9:35 AM), Dallas Hofer, Dennis Pottebaum, John Snobeck, Craig Smith, Kerry Larson

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Madigan, Marilyn Buskohl, Lisa Robison, Steve Natz, Teresa Boysen, Diane Hall, Hercules Campbell

#### GUESTS PRESENT

### II. INTRODUCTIONS

John Snobeck was introduced as the new PATH representative for the Harrisburg School District.

### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

A motion was made by Kent Alberty to approve the November minutes; motion was seconded by Craig Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC INPUT

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Police Department
- City Engineering

Dallas presented an update to the Safe Route to School grant. The contract with the SDDOT is currently being signed by the School District; the City will then execute the contract. Traffic Engineering is beginning to prepare the application for next year's Safe Route to School grant. Staff is

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considering applying for the schools in the south central and southeast area of the city where there are more traffic signals to be modified and other infrastructure needs than in the outlying school areas. More discussion on this will be scheduled at a future PATH meeting.

- Private Schools
- Public Schools  
School Boundary Meeting Update-Kent Alberty reported to the committee that the proposed boundary map has been published in the Argus Leader. The main concern that most parents have is the boundary changes affecting a group of homes west of Sycamore north of 41<sup>st</sup> Street and to the west of Roosevelt. The proposed 41<sup>st</sup> Street boundary will cut down the current three bus routes to two routes. There will be about 500 kids affected. Dallas added that PATH maps will need to be redone for JFK, Oscar Howe, and Discovery Elementary. A new PATH map will be made for the new school as well. Dallas also updated the committee on the proposed traffic signal on 57<sup>th</sup> Street. One suggestion was to have the signal located at 57<sup>th</sup> & Galway Avenue; another option would be installing one closer to the Tea Ellis road. These locations are still being investigated and will be brought back to the committee at a later date.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Police Department:  
Sgt. Galen Smidt reported that the Police Department held a “mini” School Zone Awareness week after the holiday season. An officer was assigned to a specific school zone to alert the public that kids are back in school.
- City Engineering:  
Dallas discussed a signage issue that involves the area around Joe Foss. There is an alternative high school located in this area. Most of the foot traffic is at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cliff Avenue. However, students also park in residential areas where motorists are driving too fast. The school would like to have more signage and cross walks established in this area. Dallas will investigate and report back to the committee.
- Private Schools

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- Public Schools:  
Dallas welcomed John Snobeck as a new PATH committee member.  
John is currently the Principal at Journey Elementary.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on **March 12** at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.