

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 PM

Thursday

May 20, 2010

Chairperson Chiara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chiara, Leppanen, McGowan, Reynolds, Allyn (ex-officio),
Schulz (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Mehas

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Leppanen, seconded by Mr. McGowan, to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2010. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Grand River Closing (Art on the Grand)

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has officially approved the closing of Grand River from Farmington Road to Grove Street for Art on the Grand. The closing will be June 4th (eastbound Grand River at 7:00 p.m. – westbound Grand River at 8:00 p.m.) and to re-open June 6th when clean up is completed. The public safety department will monitor the effects of the closure on the area and make adjustments to the signs/barricades, if possible.

B. Vision Impaired Study

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has reviewed the impaired vision study and will review it with their design committee and private business owners. The DPW will be painting crosswalks as a part of normal maintenance. At this time, no further action on behalf of the Traffic and Safety Board will be taken.

C. Alta Loma Curve

Upon further discussion, it has been determined that this complaint is related to winter time and icy road conditions. Mr. Prieur (33730 Alta Loma), the resident who presented this issue to the traffic board, agreed. The DPW has been asked to plow and salt the curve, as needed, in the winter. Mr. Prieur agreed with this course of action and will notify the interim director if the problem continues.

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D. Library Drop Box

The library staff informed the interim director that they are working on relocating the library drop box to the end of the one-way driveway, located between City Hall and the library. Upon review, the Traffic and Safety Board did not have a concern with this new location. The drop box will be placed on the sidewalk and accessible from the driver's side of the vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. School Bus Stops – Flanders Elementary School Closing

The interim director contacted the Farmington Public Schools transportation department reference changes in school bus stops that would require possible action by the Traffic and Safety Board as a result of Flanders Elementary School closing. In talking with the transportation director, he set up the new route so children would not have to cross Flanders Street.

The board reviewed the new bus stops for the Meadows and Oaks subdivisions and, at this time, there appears to be no action required by the Traffic and Safety Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Leppanen commented that the 35 mph speed sign is obstructed by a tree for westbound Grand River, west of Oakland.

Interim Director Schulz noted a tree obstructed the view at the southwest corner of Farmington Road/Alta Loma.

Mr. Reynolds commented that the pedestrian crossing sign was obstructed by a tree for Power Road south of Loomis.

Mr. Reynolds commented that an old mail drop box obstructed driver's view at Power Road and Leelane.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Leppanen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schulz
Interim Director Schulz