

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**January 17, 2008**

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

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

ABSENT: DeCorte (vacation)

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Chairperson McGowan asked for a correction of the October 18, 2007 minutes, under "Old Business, B. Walkability Update", 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of page 1. The first sentence should read: Chairperson McGowan concurred with Mr. Chiara, expressing his concern that eastbound Grand River should have a left turn lane, and a single lane functioning as a through and right turn lane." With this change noted, a motion was made by Chiara, supported by Mr. Leppanen, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John and Susan Lightner, 33608 State Street, appeared at the meeting (see New Business).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Shiawassee Parking**

Director Nebus informed the board that he and Mr. DeCorte do not think Shiawassee is wide enough in any area for legal parking. The director explained that he has to recommend new traffic control orders to the city manager and city council. He cannot recommend a Traffic Control Order that permits parking and forces passing traffic to cross the double yellow line. Mr. Chiara suggested when Director Nebus and Mr. DeCorte parked and observed traffic cross the double yellow line, it was because the car was occupied. He stated cars don't cross the double yellow line when a parked car is unoccupied. After considerable discussion, no formal motion was made. Members agreed to do the following before the February meeting:

1. The time restricted parking signs by Farmington High School will be removed under the emergency authority of the public safety director.

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2. Mr. Allen will research additional vehicle code language that may apply to the situation.
3. The city attorney will be consulted.
4. Board members will revisit the site.
5. Director Nebus will ask Director Gushman for width measurements on Shiawassee. If obtained, they will be forwarded to Mr. Allen.
6. The director will park an unoccupied car at Shiawassee locations and view if cars cross the double yellow line.

Mr. Chiara stated the double yellow lines were painted on Shiawassee to stop speeding vehicles from passing vehicles driving the speed limit. Mr. McGowan expressed his desire to reach a decision on the subject at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### A. Liberty and State Street

Mr. and Mrs. Lightner discussed the contents of their letter. They feel some library patrons park and obstruct the intersection. Board members also visited the site and reported sharing the Lightner's concern.

Mr. Allen stated cars must park 20' back from the crosswalk, according to the state vehicle code, 257.674. He suggested posting "No Parking Here to Corner" signs, 20' from the crosswalks at the intersection. Mr. Reynolds made a motion, supported by Mr. Chiara, to post the appropriate number of "No Parking Here to Corner" signs, 20' from the crosswalks. Director Nebus stated most motorists don't know the crosswalk law and officers will be encouraged to enforce the parking if signs are posted. The director stated a Traffic Control Order is not necessary to enforce the crosswalk law, but if officers issue a ticket for violation of posted signage, a Traffic Control Order may be necessary. He will consult the city attorney.

#### B. Nine Mile Road and Floral Street

Board members discussed an email from Christine Kish who declined an invitation to attend the meeting. Mr. Allen stated the intersection belongs to Oakland County. He checked recent satellite images of the left turn lane for cars turning left onto Floral. The double yellow lines did not appear in the photo. He checked with the county who denied painting the double yellow lines. Director Nebus will send a letter to Oakland County describing the situation and asking them to paint the pavement according to their specifications.

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C. Chair and Vice Chairperson Election

Chairperson McGowan expressed his appreciation for being allowed to serve as president during the past year. Mr. Chiara nominated Mr. Leppanen for chairperson, supported by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed. Mr. Chiara nominated Ms. Mehas for vice chairperson, supported by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mr. McGowan mentioned his son may be interested in earning a boy scouting traffic safety merit badge.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Chiara to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus  
Public Safety Director