

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 p.m.

Thursday

April 16, 2009

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

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

ABSENT: Mehas

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by McGowan, seconded by Leppanen, to accept the minutes of March 19, 2009. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Farmington and Freedom (traffic signal)

Director Nebus reported the flashing lights on the northbound Farmington "Stop When Flashing" sign have been replaced with LED flashers. Mr. DeCorte stated he visited the intersection and found them to be very bright.

Mr. DeCorte confirmed Mr. Allyn's recommendation that a low level pole signal should be installed on the northeast corner to improve safety. Director Nebus stated Oakland County has committed to one-half (\$7,769.01) of the total cost (\$15,538.02). City Manager Pastue is trying to include funding into the city budget.

B. Our Lady of Sorrows (traffic pattern)

Mr. DeCorte updated board members on the proposed plan (see attachment) decided upon during the April 6th meeting with Director Nebus and Principal Lupinacchi. Mr. Townsley (Farmington Public School Transportation Director) approved the plan. It will be implemented in September of 2009.

C. Grand River 35 mph Sign

Director Nebus stated Director Gushman is contacting the district MDOT engineer to discuss replacement.

D. Farmington and Shiawassee (skip lines)

Director Nebus will ask Director Gushman to paint yellow pavement skip line

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guides for westbound Shiawassee traffic turning left (south) onto Farmington Road. Director Nebus will discuss paving behind the southeast corner to prevent damage from traffic "cutting the corner."

E. Alta Loma and Farmington Road (pedestrian button)

Director Nebus stated the Oakland County Road Commission installed a sign that includes a diagram of the southeast corner to designate the location of the pedestrian signal button.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Time Restricted Parking (Luigi's)

Members of the board made no recommendation supporting a new row of two hour parking east of Luigi's. Chairperson Reynolds questioned the authority of the board and suggested this is an economic issue. Mr. McGowan suggested the installation of pole and sign could be a hazard. Mr. Chiara suggested the DDA send letters reminding business employees to refrain from parking in spaces closest to the buildings. Mr. DeCorte thought it would be cheaper to install fewer poles by restricting parking in a smaller area on both sides of the parking isle.

B. Grove Street 15 Minute (east side of Cedar's Restaurant)

Director Nebus stated after deducting 30' from the stop sign and 20' from the crosswalk, approximately 75' exists for parking. Mr. DeCorte suggested there is room for parking four cars. He will visit the site to confirm the road is wide enough and there is adequate room for parallel parking.

Mr. McGowan made a motion that Director Nebus issue a Temporary Traffic Control Order allowing fifteen minute parallel parking on the west side of Grove, just north of Orchard, adjacent to Cedar's Restaurant, for as many cars as will fit, when the pavement is painted and the proper signage is posted. Mr. Leppanen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board agreed that the parking should not be marked for Cedar Restaurant and should be available to anyone for any fifteen minutes of business.

Mr. DeCorte suggested removing the stop sign since it does not meet the criteria for a stop sign. The director will determine if there is a Traffic Control Order.

C. Pick Up Parking (east side of Farmington Florist)

Chairperson Reynolds expressed concern that driver's backing out of spaces could hit cars parallel parked along the east side of the building. Mr. DeCorte suggested there may not be enough room for additional parking. The board asked Mr. DeCorte to take measurements and report his findings next month. The board members agreed that if fifteen minutes parallel parking is approved, it should be open to the general public.

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Chiara asked Director Nebus when special speed enforcement will begin on Shiawassee. The director stated the previously discussed enforcement will not be scheduled until the Streetscape occurs.

Mr. DeCorte stated MSP Sergeant Lance Cook provided speed limit updates at the April 15th Early Bird breakfast sponsored by TIA. The state is strictly mandating that speed limits are set based on the 85th percentile speed and a formula utilizing the number of roadway access points. Traffic engineers may be held accountable for speed limits not following the established criteria.

Mr. DeCorte stated TIA is seeking affiliate sponsor members to help with TIA funding. The sponsors would receive a plaque, decal and listing on the TIA website confirming their commitment to traffic safety.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. Lepannen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus
Public Safety Director

Attachments: Our Lady of Sorrows School Parking Pattern
Sketch of Grove Street Parallel Parking