

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 PM

Thursday

January 17, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: DeCorte

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nomination by Chiara that Reynolds be Chairperson. Seconded by McGowan. No further nominations. Reynolds elected as Chairperson.

Nomination by Chiara that Thomas be Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by McGowan. No further nominations. Thomas elected Vice-Chairperson.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Chiara, seconded by Leppanen, to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. No Parking – Leelane and Lamar
The director reported that a letter was sent to the residents in that area and there has been no feedback. The public safety department has not been notified of any parking complaints during the ninety day evaluation time. There is plenty of student parking at the high school at this time. Chiara made a motion to remove the parking restrictions (permit parking), seconded by Leppanen. Motion carried.
- B. Grand River/Oakland Pedestrian Sign
The director was contacted by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

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and advised they have no reason for the sign being in place. MDOT advised that the sign could be removed. The director will speak with the city manager and DPW director about removing the sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pedestrian Warning Sign

The director reported that a citizen called and requested a sign to warn drivers eastbound on State Street turning south onto Farmington Road of the crosswalk on Farmington Road. The board discussed the situation at length and determined that the request could not be granted.

B. Closing Farmington Road between Grand River and Oakland for Founders Festival

The board discussed this at length and thought that it could be done, provided Oakland Street was not closed and there was no parking so to allow for the smooth flow of traffic.

This matter will also be discussed with the city manager.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

The director informed the board of the facts involving the pedestrian fatal accident on Grand River in front of Chatham Hills Apartments.

The board was also informed of the two road projects (Drake Road and Grove Street) that will take place this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Schulz
Public Safety Director