

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 p.m.

Thursday

January 15, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Leppanen, McGowan, Mehas, Reynolds, Chiara, Nebus (ex-officio),
Allyn (ex-officio in place of DeCorte)

ABSENT: DeCorte (vacation until April 1, 2009)

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. McGowan, to accept the minutes of October 16, 2008 and November 20, 2008. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Farmington and Freedom
The Traffic and Safety Board asked Mr. Allyn to research the accident history and explore possible options to make the traffic signals more visible to northbound Farmington drivers. Mr. Allyn stated he will obtain the accident history and explore other options, including a mast arm signal and box span hanging of the traffic signals. Director Nebus stated PSO Keeley informed him of a vehicle accident on October 21, 2008 (08-5362) related to a motorist not seeing the northbound red signal. PSO Keeley also provided the director with a complaint from a citizen (08-5707) on November 9, 2008. The citizen reported witnessing a vehicle northbound that went through the intersection without observing the red signal.
- B. Our Lady of Sorrows (School Traffic Pattern)
Director Nebus reported Ms. Lupinacchi has yet to respond to the traffic board's suggested plan. Director Nebus will contact Ms. Lupinacchi and provide feedback at the February 19th meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayfield Through Traffic

The board discussed a request from Brian Menzie (248-977-7729) who requested a "No Thru" traffic sign for Mayfield. The board confirmed Director Nebus verbal response to Mr. Menzie that such a sign is illegal and is not enforceable. The director stated Mr. Menzie asked why such a sign is posted on northbound Warner, north of Grand River? Chairperson Leppanen produced a March 24, 1997 letter written to the city (Mr. William Hartsock), from Bruce Lilley, 23734 Warner Street. Mr. Lilley complained about speeding and drivers disobeying the "No Thru" traffic sign. It appears the "No Thru" sign already exists in 1997.

Mr. Reynolds stated the sign on Warner is not enforceable but is hard to take down once posted. Mr. Reynolds stated the geography, comparing Warner and Mayfield, are very different. Mr. Reynolds felt the shorter length of Warner Street and the proximity of the homes to the roadway, make it much more of a cut through. Mr. Allyn confirmed the city should not post more "No Thru" signs. Director Nebus stated if the city posted one on Mayfield, other residents would ask for them. The board requested Director Nebus call Mr. Menzie and share the information discussed during the meeting.

B. Oakland Street

Director Nebus stated City Manager Pastue received a concern from a resident who suggested Oakland Street was too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street. The board members discussed the topic and recommended no action.

C. Alta Loma and Farmington Road

Chairperson Lepannen suggested we obtain more information about the mayor's concern about one of the pedestrian buttons. Director Nebus stated he would email the mayor and ask for specific information about the concern.

D. Elections

Mr. Chiara nominated Mr. Reynolds to serve as chairperson for 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. McGowan made a motion to nominate Mr. Chiara as vice chairperson. The motion was supported by Mr. Reynolds and was unanimously approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Chiara shared information in the Detroit Free Press (January 12, 2009) about a movement to ban the use of cell phones while driving. Director Nebus will distribute

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copies of the article in the February agenda packets.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairperson Reynolds, seconded by Chiara to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus
Public Safety Director