

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 p.m.

Thursday

March 20, 2008

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

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

ABSENT: DeCorte (vacation)

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Chairperson Leppanen requested that Demetra Mehas name be added to the roll call of February 21, 2008. Mr. Chiara made a motion to accept the February 21, 2008 minutes with the revision noted by Chairperson Leppanen. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Liberty and State Street

Chairperson Leppanen noted the no parking (here to corner/ this side of sign) signs have been installed. Director Nebus reported City Council passed the revised ordinance (C-729-008) on Monday (March 17) that included Mr. Allyn's recommendation of no parking thirty feet from the stop sign on eastbound State at Liberty.

B. Downtown Speed Limits

The traffic board discussed if speeding is a problem in the downtown center. Mr. Allyn reported that since Market Place and Main Street are city streets, the city can not post and enforce anything less than a twenty-five (25) miles per hour speed limit. Mr. Allyn suggested the negative problems associated with posting 25 mph speed limit signs. Mr. Chiara requested that the city repaint the center line that is currently barely visible in the downtown center.

Director Nebus reported on the accident history in the downtown center. The parking and pavilion construction took place in 2005. The average number of

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confirmed accidents before 2005 was fifteen (15). Since construction, the average number of accidents is twenty-two (22). The majority of accidents occur near the post office. Several of the accidents occur each year at T.J. Maxx and areas where there is no angle parking. The majority of accidents occur on Main Street.

C. Grand River at School – 25 mph Postings

Mr. Allyn has been in touch with MDOT. The delay in moving the 25 mph and 25 mph reduced speed ahead signs have been a result of no state money to do it. Mr. Allyn stated he received permission from MDOT for the city to move the signs. Mr. McGowan made a motion for the city to move the signs to their correct locations. The motion was supported by Mr. Reynolds. Motion carried. Director Nebus will convey the recommendation to City Manager Pastue and Director Gushman. The director requested that Mr. Allyn meet a member of the public services department and point out the exact posting location of the signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Grand River Streetscape

Director Nebus answered questions and suggested traffic board members view the plans posted in City Hall. The board discussed an e-mail from Scott Freeman suggesting considering new traffic control signage technologies as part of the streetscape plan. Director Nebus contacted Chief Kraft in Troy who was unable to provide information on the "Tattle Tale Light" suggested by Mr. Freeman. Mr. Allyn will contact the Troy engineer and report to the board in April.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus
Public Safety Director