

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
March 10, 2010
7:00 p.m. Municipal Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Arthur Zimmerman

Members Present: Todd Blomstrom, Linda Dolan, Charles Grawe, Jon Rechtzigel, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent: Dick Asleson, Harald Eriksen

Consultants/Alternates Present: Tom Sohrweide

Others Present: Pam Gackstetter

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Grawe requested that members be sworn to their oaths of office.

Mr. Grawe requested that the Committee consider re-appointing the “Vice-Chair” as “Secretary” to conform to the Council policy.

Ms. Dolan requested the addition of an Update on Greenleaf School Project.

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Rechtzigel arrived.

3. Oaths of Office

City Clerk Pam Gackstetter swore in the members with their oaths of office.

4. Appointment of Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to appoint current Vice-Chair Harald Eriksen to Secretary to be in compliance with the City Council’s policy for advisory committees. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Approval of January 13, 2010 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Rechtzigel, to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2010. Motion passed 4-0 (Ms. Dolan abstained).

6. Audience Items

There were no audience items.

7. Discussion of Draft Pedestrian Crosswalk Policy

At the previous meeting, the Committee discussed a draft policy with guidelines as to what conditions warrant a crosswalk and how the crosswalk would be configured. Mr. Sohrweide distributed a revised draft policy for the Committee's review and discussion. Mr. Sohrweide discussed several language changes he suggested to more accurately reflect the Committee's discretion, particularly pertaining to mid-block crossings. There was considerable discussion as to how to apply the policy to existing crosswalk locations where various limitations might make the improvements in the new policy cost prohibitive or physically impossible to install. Mr. Blomstrom said that staff would make the edits and bring the policy back to the Committee.

8. Other Traffic Concerns Communicated to the City of Apple Valley

Police Concerns

Mr. Rechtzigel reported a new officer has been trained in drug recognition evaluation. He also reported a complaint on vehicle speeds on Embry Path.

Public Works' Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom reported that MNDOT has lowered the posted speed limit on Diamond Path between Pilot Knob road and 137th Street from 50 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.

9. Education Issues

Ms. Dolan reported that Officer Rogers attended Greenleaf Elementary School as a special guest for the classroom that had the highest level of participation in returning pledge cards for use of seat belts and booster seats.

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Rechtzigel, to adjourn. Motion passed 5- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.