

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
May 12, 2010
7:00 p.m. Municipal Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Arthur Zimmerman

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

Members Absent: Harald Eriksen

Consultants/Alternates Present: Tom Sohrweide

Others Present: Kathy Bodmer, Jack Broz, Craig Mertas

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Ms. Dolan, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Approval of March 10, 2010 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Rechtzigel moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010. Motion passed 5-0 (Mr. Asleson abstained).

4. Audience Items

Craig Mertas expressed concern about vehicle speeds on 137th Street, particularly at the point at the bottom of the hill where 137th meets 140th Street. He indicated that speeds appear to have increased since the street was overlaid last year. He said that the speed sign and Car 54 have had some impact.

Ms. Dolan suggested that the City create a letter to be distributed through the athletic associations to the users of nearby park fields to urge careful driving when going to and from games at parks. Mr. Blomstrom suggested utilizing the Neighborhood Watch groups in the area. He also suggested developing a boiler-plate flyer that could be handed out to residents with neighborhood traffic concerns that they could distribute to their neighbors. Mr. Grawe requested staff conduct a speed study to determine if the problem is a small number of outliers who are driving at particularly high speeds or if the

majority of drivers using the street are operating a smaller increment above the limit. The Public Works and Police Departments will conduct traffic counts and a speed study. Mr. Blomstrom said he would develop the flyer template.

5. Approve 2009 Annual Report

MOTION: Mr. Asleson moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to approve the 2009 Annual Report and forward it to the City Council. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 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. Zimmerman suggested reformatting to that all the definitions associated with a table appear on the same page as the table.

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to forward the Pedestrian Crosswalk Policy to the City Council and recommend its adoption. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Greenleaf School Crossing Sign Request

Mr. Blomstrom said Greenleaf School representatives are requesting City consideration of a flashing crosswalk sign on Galaxie Avenue. Mr. Blomstrom said he would be meeting with the School officials to discuss broader crosswalk issues in May and would report back at the July meeting.

8. Participation in Trail and Sidewalk Planning Study Task Force

Kathy Bodmer gave a brief introduction to the City's Trail and Sidewalk Planning Study Task Force and requested volunteers from the Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Asleson moved, second by Mr. Rehtzigel, to appoint Ms. Dolan and Mr. Zimmerman as the representatives from the Committee. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Police Concerns

Mr. Rehtzigel reported that officers have been conducting enforcement on 137th Street.

Public Works' Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom reported that Cedar Avenue will be under construction for the next two years.

Mr. Blomstrom said he received a traffic speed complaint on a section of Everest Avenue.

10. Education Issues

Mr. Rehtzigel said that the annual mock crash will be held at Eastview High School in May.

11. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to adjourn. Motion passed 6- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.