

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
September 14, 2011
7:00 p.m. Municipal Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Linda Dolan

Members Present: Todd Blomstrom, Linda Dolan, Charles Grawe, Jon Rechtzigel, Joe Shaw (arrived at 7:24 p.m.), Arthur Zimmerman (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Members Absent: Harald Eriksen

Consultants/Alternates Present: Tom Sohrweide, Dave Bennett

Others Present: Clint Hooppaw, Jennifer Laber

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Blomstrom requested the addition of items concerning 144th Street and Embry Path, Follow-up on 136th Street signage, and moving the Garden View Drive item to the end of the non-routine business items.

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

3. Approval of July 13, 2011 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Audience Items

There were no audience items.

5. Resident Concerns at 144th Street and Embry Path

Mr. Blomstrom said that Embry Path was overlaid earlier this year. Several years ago, the city removed a crosswalk at 147th Street and Embry Path. A resident requested the restoration of that crosswalk and the addition of a four-way stop at 144th Street and Embry Path.

Mr. Zimmerman arrived.

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to conduct a review of the intersection of 144th Street and Embry Path to determine if it meets warrants for a four-way stop and to review the reasons that the crosswalk was removed at 147th Street. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Resident Request for One-Side Parking along Walnut Lane near Westview Elementary School

Mr. Blomstrom presented background information regarding a request from Laura Miske to remove on-street parking along the early portion of Walnut Lane near Garden View Drive. Mr. Rechtzigel reported that the City survey the four property owners that would be affected by potential parking restrictions along Walnut Lane. One resident supported parking prohibitions, but the others were not in favor and one specifically did not want to create an inconvenience for school students or their familiar. There was general agreement that the parking is only a problem during special school events.

Mr. Shaw arrived.

MOTION: Ms. Dolan moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to not recommend the requesting parking restrictions. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Resident Request for Left Turn on 140th Street at Everest Avenue

Mr. Blomstrom reviewed the current four-lane road alignment and explained that any addition of a left-turn lane would require substantial modifications to the roadway. Mr. Blomstrom said this would need to be part of a larger discussion of the road alignment for a large section of the road. He said he would pull the vehicle crash data history for that area.

8. Resident Concern with Speeding on Upper 136th Street

Mr. Sohrweide reviewed recent concerns from residents regarding speeding traffic Upper 136th Street. A resident attended a previous meeting to express concerns. Mr. Sohrweide conducted further evaluation on some of the sight distances and recommended reverse curve signage and 25 miles per hour speed advisory signs.

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Ms. Dolan, to recommend the installation of the advisory signage as described by Mr. Sohrweide. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Update on Safe Routes to School Grant Application for Greenleaf Elementary School

Mr. Blomstrom said the city was not awarded a grant application for a HAWK pedestrian crossing signal at the Greenleaf Elementary School and alternate funding sources would be required.

10. Update on Resident Concerns with Speeding on Garden View Drive Between CR 42 and CR 46

Mr. Blomstrom provided an overview of the resident's concerns and presented speed data collected from the northbound sign between November 2010 and this summer. The range of vehicles traveling at 35 miles per hour or less was between 88 and 93 percent each month. The Committee discussed this data along with the previously collected police enforcement data indicating few violators. The percentage of speed violators was not significantly different from many other city streets. However, the traffic volume on Garden View Drive is significantly higher as it is a collector roadway. The city will continue to monitor speeds on the roadway.

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

Police Concerns

Mr. Rehtzigel reported several complaints regarding truck traffic associated with the Whitney Pond construction project.

Mr. Rehtzigel reported a complaint about a load paper delivery vehicle and noted a faulty equipment violation tag was issued.

Public Works' Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom reported no further concerns.

12. Education Issues

Ms. Dolan reported on a teen driving summit.

Mr. Grawe reported an increasing number of small motorized vehicles using the bike and pedestrian pathways that approach street intersections at much higher rates of speed than traditional pedestrian or bicycle path users.

Ms. Dolan reported that National Walk to School Day is approaching.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Grawe moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom, to adjourn. Motion passed 6- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.