

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
May 14, 2014
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: Todd Blomstrom, Linda Dolan, Charles Grawe, Mitch Scott, Joe Shaw, Laura Turek, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent:

Consultants/Alternates Present: Dave Bennett

Others Present: Matt Cassen, Eric Nelson, Joe Shirk, Judy Shirk

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Blomstrom requested information on 132nd Street be added at Item 5C.

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Scott to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Audience Items

Several residents expressed concern over vehicle speeds and on-street parking along Hayes Road adjacent to the Apple Valley Community Center. The street is often full of parked vehicles during summer recreation events between May and October. The parked vehicles obscure the sightlines for residents attempting to back out of their driveways. The residents requested additional parking on the Community Center campus. Staff agreed to study the situation.

4. Approval of March 12, 2014 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Ms. Dolan, to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5A. Resident Concern about Pedestrian Crossing at 157th Street and France Way

Mr. Bennett explained that 157th Street has crossings at Foliage and Galaxie Avenues. Traffic counts on 157th Street are around 2,700 vehicle trips per day. Residents expressed concern that approximately 10 children per day cross 157th Street from the adjoining neighborhood to the south to reach the mid-block bus stop on 157th which also serves another 30 to 40 children from the apartment complex to the north. Mr. Scott said he would contact the school district to see if an alternate bus stop location could be used closer to an intersection.

5B. Resident Concern about Speeding Traffic on 144th Street and Everest Way

Mr. Bennett explained a possible incentive for traffic to cut-through Everest Way in order to avoid congestion at the entrance to the Aquatic Center. Mr. Blomstrom suggested conducting traffic volume counts during the waterpark season and during non-seasonal times.

MOTION: Mr. Scott moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to recommend that staff conduct traffic and volume speed studies during the waterpark season and non-seasonal times. Motion passed 7-0.

5C. Resident Concern about Speeding Traffic on 132nd Street

Mr. Bennett explained that 132nd Street is a minor collector with a large number of driveway accesses. The street is currently under reconstruction. Residents have expressed concern over potential vehicle speeds when the new roadway surface is opened to traffic. Current traffic counts on the roadway are about 1,800 vehicle trips per day.

Staff noted that several other conditions might change when the road reconstruction is completed. The intersection with Flagstaff Avenue might meet warrants for a four-way stop. The speed advisory sign could be installed on a temporary basis in later fall if weather permits. Some mature trees along the roadway were cut down, but will be replaced, which can provide a traffic calming effect. The Police Department will also increase enforcement when the roadway opens.

6A. Other Traffic Concerns Communicated to the City of Apple Valley

Police Concerns

Mr. Scott noted that there is a pedestrian crossing sign south of 153rd Street along Cedar Avenue, but no crosswalk, encouraging illegal mid-block crossings. Mr. Blomstrom said he would follow-up with the County on this issue.

Mr. Scott said there have not been large numbers of violations on Flagstaff Avenue adjacent to Eastview High School.

Public Works Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom noted that there are resident concerns in the Regatta neighborhood for future traffic volumes and speeds when 157th Street is extended to Pilot Knob Road.

6B. Educational Issues

Ms. Dolan reminded the group of the seatbelt campaign scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

Ms. Turek asked if the Council would consider purchasing another pair of temporary speed advisory signs.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Scott moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn. Motion passed 7- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.