

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
January 12, 2011
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 introduced themselves.

Members Present: Todd Blomstrom, Linda Dolan, Harald Eriksen, Charles Grawe, Jon Rechtzigel, Joe Shaw, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent:

Consultants/Alternates Present: Tom Sohrweide, Dave Bennett

Others Present:

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Grawe requested the addition of a concern relating to the crosswalk across 147th Street near the Paideia Academy Charter School

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

3. Election of Chair and Secretary Officers

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Rechtzigel, to nominate Mr. Zimmerman as Chair and Mr. Eriksen as Secretary. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Approval of November 10, 2010 Minutes

Ms. Dolan asked for a clarification and amendment.

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2010 as amended. Motion passed 6-0 (Mr. Shaw abstained).

5. Audience Items

There were no audience items.

6. Approve 2010 Annual Report

MOTION: Mr. Ericksen moved, second by Mr. Rechtzigel, to approve the 2010 Annual Report. Motion passed 6-0. (Mr. Shaw abstained).

7. Fernando Avenue Traffic Concerns Update

Mr. Blomstrom said two resident concerns were received in July. The City wanted to take traffic counts both during the summer and during the school year.

Mr. Sohrweide distributed a memo on the results of the traffic counts. It appears there is a greater impact in the morning, possibly school being in session, that amounts to one additional vehicle every 80 seconds. The average vehicle speed was below 30 miles per hour. The volumes were still well below normal residential street levels, under 1,500 vehicle trips per day. There was one very abnormal count in the summer and the City will conduct counts again when warmer weather arrives. Mr. Blomstrom said he would contact the residents with the results of the study.

8. Findlay Avenue Traffic Concerns Update

Mr. Blomstrom said the City received a request for sidewalk extensions along Findlay Avenue. City staff studied the radius of the curve of the road to determine if advisory signs are necessary for the roadway. The radius of the curve was not particularly great and would only qualify for a 25 mile per hour speed advisory sign if one were posted. A survey to the six resident properties potentially impacted by the proposed sidewalk showed one in favor, two against, and three who had yet to respond.

9. Garden View Drive Traffic Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom said the City received concerns about speeds on Garden View Drive south of Whitney. Mr. Zimmerman provided a brief description of the issues and solutions from the Garden View Drive Ad Hoc Committee process. Mr. Blomstrom said he would continue to evaluate the area for the next meeting.

10. Concerns about Crosswalk on 147th Street Near Paideia Academy

Mr. Blomstrom said the City received a new concern about the crosswalk. The crosswalk was the subject of Committee review and analysis in the recent past. Mr. Blomstrom said the signs will be checked to see if trees obscure visibility. The signage itself is in compliance with Minnesota's traffic controls manual. The last studies of the crosswalk revealed very low

pedestrian counts. While some cities are looking at installing signage with flashing perimeter LED lighting, there is concern that such signs may lull crosswalk users into a false sense of security.

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

Police Concerns

Mr. Rehtzigel reported that high snow banks are creating issues for drivers.

Public Works' Concerns

There were no other Public Works concerns.

12. Education Issues

Mr. Sohrweide noted that Mr. Eriksen was recognized by the North Central Section Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Mr. Sohrweide provided a memo on laws pertaining to bicycle operation on streets and sidewalks.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to adjourn. Motion passed 7- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.