

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
City of Apple Valley  
March 9, 2016  
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: Nick Francis, Charles Grawe, Fred Puente, Matt Saam, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent: Linda Dolan, Joe Shaw

Consultants/Alternates Present: Brandon Anderson, City Engineer

Others Present: Michelle deKam Palmieri, Mike Westereng, Victoria Truesdell, Harry Wyman

2. Approval of Agenda

Members requested two additional items to the agenda—one-way violations on 153<sup>rd</sup> Street and election of officers.

MOTION: Mr. Saam moved, second by Mr. Francis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Audience Items

Several residents expressed concern about traffic on Walnut Drive around the area of Westview Elementary School and Alimagnet Park. They noted that traffic is quieter in the winter months and seems to pick up when the Monday night Frisbee golf begins in the Park. They believe the traffic is coming from Redwood Drive and County 42. They noted there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. The Committee requested that staff study the traffic in the area.

4. Approval of January 13, 2016 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Francis moved, second by Mr. Saam, to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

5A. Resident Concern about Traffic on Galaxie Ave near Greenleaf Elementary School

School Principal Michelle deKam Palmieri noted an accident involving students crossing Galaxie Avenue who were struck by an automobile. She noted a large increase in traffic from parents picking up students after school. This has resulted in large stacking issues in the southbound lane of Galaxie. Mr. Anderson said the entire Galaxie Avenue corridor will be studied this summer and the area around the school will be a focus.

5B. Request for Signage, Stop Signs, and Signals

1. Mr. Anderson said the City received a request for a stop sign at 153<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pennock Avenue. A study of the traffic volumes and vehicle crash report showed that warrants are not met. The Committee consensus was to recommend no action at this time as the warrants were not met.
2. Mr. Anderson said the City received a request for protected left-turn timing from Pennock Avenue onto 140<sup>th</sup> Street. A study of the intersection showed only 38 left-hand turns from southbound Pennock onto 140<sup>th</sup> Street, a very low volume. Such a low volume would not justify the addition of protected left-turn timing. The Committee consensus was to recommend no action at this time as the volumes are so low.
3. Mr. Anderson said a resident requested the driver feedback signs on Pennock Avenue be installed on a permanent basis. They are currently part of the summer rotation. He noted that there is the potential for many neighborhoods to make similar requests and expressed concern over fatigue from seeing too many of these feedback signs leading to less effectiveness. He said he would work on drafting a policy on permanent feedback signs for consideration. Mr. Anderson recommended conducting a study to remove or disable the signs and measure driver behavior to see what if any change occurs.

### 5C. Driver Feedback Signage Data on Pennock Ave near 138<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Anderson said the data showed the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds to be at 30, 30, 31, and 31 miles per hour. These speeds are not significantly above the 30 mile per hour limit. He also noted that the development pattern of the adjoining properties and the road design create challenges for police to conduct enforcement on the stretch of road in question.

### 5D. Review of Garden View Driver Feedback Sign Data

Mr. Anderson shared long-term speed data from the driver feedback signs on Garden View Drive. The long-term trends show some increases in vehicle speed over time.

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

#### Police Concerns

Mr. Francis said he received a complaint from a Rosemount resident who believes enforcement on 160<sup>th</sup> Street is conducted differently between Apple Valley and Rosemount.

Mr. Francis said a patrol officer is completing his Commercial Vehicle Inspector certification and plans to work with a certified inspector from Dakota County to work together on some inspections in Apple Valley.

#### Public Works Concerns

Mr. Saam said he received a request for more flashing yellow signals, but most applied to Dakota County signal structures.

Mr. Saam noted that the short distance between the driveway for AppleBees and Cedar Avenue is creating some traffic issues.

Mr. Grawe noted a complaint of wrong-way drivers on the east-bound section of 153<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mr. Anderson said he would verify that signage is in place near the Foliage Avenue intersection where this traffic would likely enter.

### 6B. Educational Issues

Mr. Grawe noted that the City received a grant from AAA for a sign to promote driver awareness.

### 7. Election of Officers

MOTION: Mr. Saam moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to elect Mr. Zimmerman as Chair and Mr. Shaw as Secretary. Motion passed 5- 0.

### 8. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Puente moved, second by Mr. Saam, to adjourn. Motion passed 5- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.