

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 p.m.

Thursday

May 15, 2008

Chairperson Leppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Leppanen, McGowan, Chiara, DeCorte (ex-officio), Nebus (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Mehas, Reynolds

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. McGowan, to accept the minutes of April 17, 2008. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Lakeway Street

Director Nebus reported that the public safety department has utilized the speed trailer, liaison officer and patrol officers who have issued numerous speeding violations. Mrs. House was given feedback by the director at a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting.

B. Power Road Construction

The director reported that the new water mains are installed. Director Gushman believes the preparation for paving will occur in two (2) weeks. Construction may be completed by mid-June.

C. Streetscape Update

Director Nebus shared the current ballot language has been approved by City Council for a vote in August.

D. Alta Loma and Farmington Road

Director Nebus reported that on May 9th, Danielle from the Oakland County Road Commission, contacted him by phone. Danielle shared that the traffic engineers believe the pavement loop on Alta Loma just west of Farmington Road is located in the wrong location. As a result, vehicles on Alta Loma are not triggering the pavement loop to shorten the red light wait time. The county will be sending the director a letter describing the problem and proposed solution.

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NEW BUSINESS:

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chairperson Leppanen initiated a discussion regarding the possibility that board member Mehas may be resigning from the Traffic and Safety Board at the end of the current term.

Mr. Chiara asked the status of the yield to pedestrian tent signs planned for the Grand River crosswalks. Director Nebus stated the plan was anticipated to be incorporated into the streetscape plan which is now officially delayed. The board discussed what should happen now as a result of the delay. Mr. DeCorte will contact MDOT engineer, Steve Stramsak, to discuss what could be done at this time, possibly suggesting "painting lines" since construction may occur. Mr. DeCorte will ask again about MDOT's formal permission to utilize the tent signs. Mr. DeCorte suggested experimenting with the placement of orange cones during high pedestrian crossing times such as during Farmers Market Saturdays.

Mr. Chiara expressed concern about civilians with flags directing traffic to direct motorists into parking areas on Farmers Market dates. Mr. Chiara asked if public safety officers could be assigned to help. The director will discuss the parking situation with the city manager.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chiara, seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nebus
Public Safety Director