

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday**

**September 16, 2010**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Chiara, Leppanen, McGowan, Reynolds, Schulz (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Mehas

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. McGowan, to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2010. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Erin Kniffin (21131 Meadowlark, 248-880-6811) expressed a concern about fifth and sixth graders having to cross Farmington Road at Colfax in order to get to school. Students cross Farmington Road at approximately 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Board members obtained information that twenty-six children could cross the road, but currently only one or two cross because of no crossing guard.

Ms. Kniffin had been in contact with the school transportation department but had negative results in trying to resolve her concern. Reportedly, a study was being completed by Farmington Hills in conjunction with AAA. Ms. Kniffin will attend a school board meeting to express her concerns and board members will review the site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Left Turn Light for Southbound Farmington Road  
The left turn light for southbound Farmington Road to eastbound Freedom is only four seconds long. The director will contact Oakland County Road Commission to find out if the time can be extended.
  
- B. Library Drop Box  
This matter will be closed as the drop box has been moved to a satisfactory location.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Audible Signal at Farmington Road and Alta Loma  
Mr. Jared Stofflett (resident of Orchard Street) requested that an audible traffic signal for pedestrian crossing be installed at Farmington Road at Alta Loma. Mr. Stofflett is visually impaired and this device would assist him in crossing the road. Mr. Stofflett was unable to attend the meeting.

Board members will review the intersection and requested more information on cost. The director will contact members of the Henry Ford Impaired Vision Study for possible guidance.

- B. Grand River Crosswalks  
Board members were informed of several individuals reported nearly being hit when crossing Grand River at crosswalks with the warning signs.

Eastbound traffic stops and the through lane of westbound Grand River stops. The problem is the curb lane does not always stop and may not be able to see the pedestrians as a result of stopped traffic in front of them.

Board members will monitor and noted pedestrians need to take some responsibility for their own safety when crossing.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

The director informed board members that the city will no longer have a contract with the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA). The city will contract out traffic projects on an "as needed" basis.

Mr. Chiara reported speeding vehicles on Shiawassee on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Leppanen and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schulz  
Public Safety Director