

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 PM

Thursday

October 21, 2010

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

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

ABSENT: None

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2010. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Left Turn Light for Southbound Farmington Road
The Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) adjusted the timing of the green light for left turns from southbound Farmington Road to eastbound Freedom from four seconds to six seconds. This matter will be closed unless further complaints are received.

B. Audible Traffic Signal
Director Schulz spoke to the police chief from Ludington, Michigan about their audible traffic signal. Their signal was installed due to a large senior center in the area that used one intersection to cross a busy road. The chief had little to say, but knew of no complaints or trouble. He also had no information on cost.

The director also contacted RCOC and learned there are very few audible traffic signals in use in Oakland County. They did report problems with some due to water getting in them. RCOC was to provide a possible cost, but that information had not been received as of the meeting. The board also requested a list of communities in Oakland County that are using them.

The low vision support group, which meets at the Costick Center, has also expressed an interest in audible traffic signals being installed in the downtown area. The director will contact them to obtain further details.

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C. Crossing Guard Request – Farmington Road at Colfax

The Farmington School Board is aware of the concern and a study is being conducted into the need for a crossing guard. Board members did find that there is a marked crosswalk and pedestrian signals at the intersection. There will be further review once the report is obtained.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Leona Kwasky (24072 Lequinne Court, 248-477-3180) made a request to the director that a “Yield to Pedestrian” sign be placed in the road at Shiawassee and Raphael.

Board members discussed this matter and noted that the pedestrian crossing at that intersection is marked and has warning signs posted ahead of the crossing and at the crossing. At this time, board members did not support the request.

- B. Traffic and Safety Board member Demetra Mehas submitted her resignation letter to the city council on October 4, 2010. The city council accepted the resignation at the October 18, 2010 council meeting.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the time and effort Ms. Mehas had dedicated to the city to improve traffic safety for the last twenty years. The director will send a special “thank you” to Ms. Mehas.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Leppanen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schulz
Public Safety Director