

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

7:00 PM

Thursday

February 18, 2010

Chairperson Chiara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leppanen, to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2010. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Grand River Festival Closing
Board members were updated that plans are continuing to close Grand River for "Art on the Grand." Waiting for formal detour plans for traffic engineer company before submitting request to MDOT.

- B. Downtown/Grand River Parking
The board also discussed parking on Grand River in the bump outs. At this time, the board did not find this a traffic safety issue and request any recommendation for time limits come from the DDA, as in the past. Interim Director Schulz stated that the public safety department will work with DDA on this issue.

- C. Alta Loma Curve Accidents
At this time, no further action will be taken until the results of the "ball bank indicator" test are completed when weather permits.

- D. Vision Impaired Study
A letter was sent to Henry Ford Medical Center – Livonia authorizing the grant funded study of the downtown area used by pedestrians with vision impairment.

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Interim Director Schulz learned that the City of Plymouth had the same study completed and Henry Ford Medical Center is looking to study almost forty (40) other cities.

E. Warning Signs – Grand River/Farmington Road

Additional signs are scheduled to be installed in spring as part of the Streetscape project to warn drivers that the eastbound right lane of Grand River must turn right at Farmington Road. Board members also discussed possible additional signs for “No Left Turn” at eastbound Grand River and Farmington Road. Interim Director Schulz reports that there has not been a problem with vehicles turning left. As a result, no further action is required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Chiara has received a complaint that there is not enough handicapped parking behind the Civic Theater. Interim Director Schulz will contact the Department of Public Works to verify that the parking lot has the required number of handicap parking spaces. The public safety department will also investigate to confirm that the handicap spaces are properly marked/posted.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

As a result of two board members being out of town in March, it was decided the March meeting will be canceled unless a new traffic safety issue develops. Interim Director Schulz will notify City Clerk Halberstadt that the meeting will be canceled.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Leppanen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Schulz
Interim Director Schulz