

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Grand Chute Safe Routes to School Task Force
Town of Grand Chute Town Hall
Monday, November 5, 2008

Committee Members Present

Allen Davis, Chair Town of Grand Chute Community Development Director
Doris Kalbus.....Parent, Houdini Elementary School
Gloria Sevilla.....Parent, Badger Elementary School
Ursula Noelte.....Parent, Houdini Elementary School
Jan Haven..... Houdini Elementary School, Principal
Bill McClone..... Badger Elementary School, Principal
Aaron SchellingerGrand Chute Police Department
Tom Walsh..... Fox Cities Greenways
Melissa Kraemer Badtke..... East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Davis welcomed the committee and began introductions.

2. Discussion on Goals and Visions

Mr. Walsh explained the Safe Routes to School Planning process. Ms. Kraemer Badtke handed out some examples of SRTS goals that have been used by other committees. The committee discussed safety issues for pedestrians and bicyclists at each of the participating schools and developed the following goals:

Goal 1: To provide safe and adequate routes leading to schools so that more students are able to safely walk or bike to school.

Goal 2: Provide education to the community and parents regarding school zones along with pick up and drop off zones around schools.

Goal 3: Increase awareness by decreasing speed violators in school zones.

Goal 4: Provide safety pedestrian/bicyclist facilities within _____ miles away from the school

Goal 5: Develop a walking school bus program

Goal 6: Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities at and along school facilities.

Goal 7: Identify potential sidewalk or non-motorized transportation facilities (i.e. pedestrian and/or bicyclist facilities) within the Town of Grand Chute and prioritize them.

Goal 8: Develop a sidewalk ordinance for the Town of Grand Chute.

Goal 9: Increase the number of students that walk or bike to school.

Goal 10: Establish an alternative drop off location for parents.

3. Bike and Walk Audit Information

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that conducting a bike and walk audit at each of the participating schools is a WisDOT requirement for the SRTS Plan. A bike and walk audit is conducted by parents, school officials, government officials, or volunteers and they assess safety issues at and around each of the schools. Ms. Kraemer Badtke handed out a bike and walk audit checklist for the volunteers to use as a guide. A map of the school location as well as a comment sheet will also be provided to the volunteers. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated the bike and walk audit is usually conducted either at the start of school or during the dismissal. The volunteers would meet before the bike and walk audit scheduled time, do some training, observe the start of school or the dismissal of school, write down their observations, and then come back and recap what was observed. The committee discussed the bike and walk audit. The committee decided to do the bike and walk audit at Badger Elementary School on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30 a.m. and at Houdini Elementary School on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:30 a.m. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she would provide the volunteers with all of the materials that are necessary to conduct the audit.

4. Timeline for the Town of Grand Chute SRTS Planning Process

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated a copy of a draft timeline was included with the meeting information. Ms. Kraemer Badtke anticipated having the Grand Chute SRTS Plan completed by June 2009 with four meetings scheduled.

5. Discussion for upcoming meetings

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that it would be helpful if the committee could schedule all of the upcoming meetings for this planning process. The committee decided on the following meeting dates:

- Wednesday, January 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute town hall
- Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute town hall
- Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute town hall

6. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute town hall.