

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – February 10, 2022

Public Works & Development Services Conference Room
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue,
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Members Present:

- Daniel Adams – Racine County Sheriff’s Office Captain
 - Julie Anderson – Racine County Public Works and Development Services Director
 - Roley Behm – Racine County Public Works Superintendent
 - Tom Czerniak – Racine County Deputy Medical Examiner
 - Jay Kerner – Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator
 - John Strack – Racine Unified School District
 - Tom Knitter – TRIAD
 - Mike Borck - WisDOT
 - Scott Zovar - WI State Patrol
 - Martin Pavilonis – City of Racine Police Department
 - Matt Johnson – Waterford Police Department
 - Sean Marschkes – Sturtevant Police Department
 - David Stroupe – Mount Pleasant Police Department
 - Alex Valley – Racine County Engineering Rep.
 - Randy Wiessinger – WI DOT/BOTS -consultant
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1. Call to Order

Julie Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Minutes of the November 11, 2021, meeting.

John Strack moved, seconded by Tom Knitter, to approve the November 11, 2021, minutes. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 15/0**

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Racine County had two fatalities:

12/3/21 – STH 20 and Britton Rd, in the Town of Dover, one fatality, resulting from failure to stop.

1/16/22 – Plank Rd and STH 75, one fatality, resulting from failure to stop.

Caledonia had one fatality:

1/26/22 on the Frontage Road 1000 feet east of i94 and CTH G, one vehicle crossed the center line and struck another at approximately 4:49 am involving stolen vehicle.

4. Upcoming construction projects

Alex Valley discussed spring projects:

CTH E: south of Burlington from South St to a half mile north of Yahnke Rd.

CTH K: from STH 36 to CTH S going north.

CTH U: from County Line down to CTH G.

Mike Borck from DOT:

Carryovers from last year:

STH 20 from Roosevelt to West Ave, the Bridge over Root River on West 6th Street, and

CTH KR from CTH H to Green Bay Rd.

Projects for 2022:

STH 11 from I-94 to Ohio St

STH 20 from I-94 to STH 31

STH 11 from Kearney to East of Memorial Dr

Goold St from Douglas Ave to Main St

58th St, the Bridge over the Root River canal

STH 36 from STH 83 to STH 20

CTH D from Walworth County line to STH 20

5. Around-the-table

Dave Stroupe discussed the speed enforcement program within Mount Pleasant.

Julie Anderson stated that County Executive and DOT Secretary Craig will be touring Racine County intersections of concern including STH 75 & CTH A and STH 20 & STH 45 North with the hope of moving up the funding date for round-a-bouts. They also will be looking at CTH KR & STH 31 where there is a speeding concern.

Randy Wiessinger shared some informational slides including annual recap, Racine County had 7 fatalities in 2021 where the 5-year average was 16.

John Strack indicated that Racine Unified will be doing 3-hour early release dates every other Wednesday: 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/27, 5/11 & 5/25.

Tom Czerniak provided updates from past accidents:

A fatality at Kewaunee & N. Main St, autopsy showed the cause of death was related to blunt force injuries to head, neck, torso, and extremities but also significant was blood alcohol of .16

9/28/21 a Pit bike motorcycle versus a van, blood alcohol was .188 as well as THC in system. Cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.

1/16/22 Autopsy are not back yet; occurred just east of the Interstate, vehicle was stolen, no blood alcohol detected from toxicology.

Fatality at Britton Road and STH 20, two vehicle crash, the female deceased failed to stop. Blunt force trauma to the head was cause of death. Toxicology is still pending.

Matt Johnson indicated that the lights at STH 36 and 164 were shut off by WE Energies due to failure to pay. Mike Borck said he would investigate it and make sure it never happens again.

6. Other Business

Julie Anderson asked the group how they wanted to handle the safety posters that were regularly printed by the Journal Times and then distributed throughout the community. How do we want to push out messaging via social media seeing as the radio interviews had dropped off? Do we want to eliminate the posters and focus heavily on social media postings instead?

Jay Kerner indicated that print reaches people who still do not have social media accounts for awareness.

Randy Wiessinger indicated that the state and federal government have resources to assist in pushing out to social media.

Daniel Adams indicated that social media would reach more people than print.

John Strack suggested sending him any social media pushes to give to Racine Unified's principals and add to the website and newsletters.

Between 110 to 130 posters were distributed in the past, Daniel Adams stated that they were distributed to other agencies throughout the county and the school districts.

A decision on how to proceed with awareness can be made at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, **Jay Kerner moved**, seconded by Tom Knitter, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 15/0**