

Minutes of Committee
Monday, May 24, 2010
7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Cottage Hill Avenue Parking Sign Restriction
- 2) Discussion: Michigan Street and Gladys Avenue-Intersection Review (Follow-up)
- 3) Traffic Study for Maple Avenue and 1st Street
- 4) 10 minute parking spaces: 209 and 209 N. York St.
- 5) Open Liquor Licenses
- 6) Other Business
 - a. Jackson School meeting
 - b. Jaycee Carnival update

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, Pezza, Bram (part, agenda items 2 and 4)

Elected Official Present: None

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Bacidore, Mahoney, Doherty

Guest: None

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee advising currently attended vehicles are allowed to stage north bound on the east side of Cottage Hill between Church and Arthur during drop off and pick up time although current signage does not allow this. It was Staff recommendation to add to the existing signage to allow this practice. Staff does not recommend allowing vehicles to stage on the west side of Cottage Hill due to the periodic street closing that occurs. South bound Cottage Hill at Adelaide, during school drop off and pick up hours, which has the effect of converting Cottage Hill to one way north bound during these times. Staff felt motorists could become confused regarding the proper direction to park and would create a safety issue. The Committee agreed with Staff recommendations. Aldermens Wagner and Pezza signed the report, Alderman Nybo requested Staff contact the involved schools to verify they are in concurrence with the recommendations prior to his signing the report.

Agenda Item #5 was addressed next.

5. Chief Kopp advised that currently there is one open "R.L." license (McNally's) which is currently held by Alacarte Entertainment which had planned to open Finn McCool's. City Staff has learned that Alacarte plans to sublease the site to "Rizzo's". Staff is recommending that to keep the license open until those negotiations are complete. The Committee concurred with that recommendation.
2. Alderman Bram addressed the Committee asking if they felt it was appropriate that no further action be taken. Discussion ensued regarding the intersection review by Brent Coulter resulting in the recommendations being proposed. It was further noted that the follow up report from Engineer McGrew listed the speed study/traffic volumes from Lake Frontage as north bound and south bound. Staff reported that the speed study on Michigan was northbound 28 and south bound 29. Alderman Bram requested that this intersection be monitored after the Staff recommendations are implemented and a follow up report was submitted to the Committee. Additionally, Alderman Bram requested Staff evaluate the curve at Lake Frontage and Michigan for safety upgrades.

Agenda Item #4 was addressed next.

4. Alderman Bram submitted the request for additional 10 minute parking signs at 206 and 209 N. York. Ald. Bram inquired if the Committee was open to a standard placement of these 10 minute spaces to allow ease of access and egress. Chief Kopp reported that the assignment and location of 10 minute parking spots are a result of collaboration with the City Center Parking Committee and the City of Elmhurst Parking Committee. Significant competing interests revolve around these spaces and this procedure seems to be the best resolve. Staff recommended and Committee concurred that this request be reviewed in that forum and report back to the Committee.

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3. Discussion on this request ensued involving competing interest for parking for commuters and employees on both sides of the tracks. Additionally, how parking would be allocated after the new parking deck is finished. Chief Kopp advised that the City of Elmhurst Parking Committee is reviewing all these factors and will report back to the Committee. The Committee concurred with Staff recommendation.

6. Other business
 - a. Jackson School Principal meeting. Sgt. Burroughs is working with the new principal and will report back.
 - b. Jaycee Carnival is moving forward. Same location and layout as last year.

The Committee was adjourned.

Submitted by James Doherty, Deputy Chief