

**Minutes of Committee  
Monday, January 10, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. Liquor License Request: Roberto's Restaurant
2. Stop Sign Request: Prospect and Jackson
3. Other Business Traffic Study: Reports and Updates

Members Present: Wagner, Pezza, Levine

Elected Officials: Patty Spencer

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

City Attorney: Don Storino

Guests: None

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DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

The meeting began with a Committee and Staff greeting and welcome to Alderman Levine.

Item #1      Neither petitioner Pasquale Moreci nor any other representative from Roberto's restaurant was present to address the Liquor License Amendment request. Chairman Wagner expressed concern of how this change, if approved, might be precedent setting. Additional concerns arose as to how it would be policed and how the liquor would be separated. Chief Neubauer related that parameters would be needed such as an adult to ring out the sale. There were also concerns with what alcohol was being referred to by use of the term "spirits" and how this request would play into their food delivery service; would this allow liquor to be delivered with the food order. Alderman Pezza commented on the employees being competent but control being a possible issue. She also questioned if anyone could just come in off of the street to buy the liquor and raised concern about it being there being a competition issue with other businesses. Pezza expressed that there were lots of questions and more and other questions continued to be raised. There was discussion about the license type and allowances pursuant to that. City Attorney Storino related that they could sell packaged liquor under a "B" (bar) license but that Roberto's has an RSB license at this time. The thought was expressed that this appeared to be a convenience more than a money making venture. With the many questions and disappointment that no one from Roberto's was present, this matter was set aside pending contact by Roberto's for further consideration.

Item #2      Stop sign request for Prospect and Jackson. Having been studied, meeting warrants, and given a staff recommendation to replace the existing yield signs on Jackson approaching Prospect with stop signs, the report with a positive recommendation to the Mayor and members of the City Council was signed by all three Committee members.

Item #3      Assistant City Manager Chief Kopp, addressed a memo from Deputy City Clerk Van De Walle related to a list of pending items before the Committee. Chief Kopp stated that he has already discussed status of most items with Chairman Wagner.

Chief Kopp then addressed a memo he has directed to the Committee of pending traffic related issues that the Engineering Department is currently working on. The list was reviewed for attention to any others that should be reviewed. As a result, Rex and Montrose will be added to the list.

Chief Kopp then advised the Committee on several traffic study reports/updates submitted by the Engineering Department to include the following:

North Graue Woods Street Repairs/Signage Request

- Continued monitoring of roadway conditions and schedule repairs as funds become available.
- Staff does not recommend adding lighting to the existing signs.

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Maple Ave and First Street – Traffic Request.

- With appropriate no parking signs having been installed on the west side of the street and monitored, staff recommends no further action be taken.

Michigan Street and Gladys Ave. – Status Update

- Based on previous study and then review by the Committee, mitigation measures have been implemented and pavement striping is pending favorable weather. Aside the continued monitoring of crash data, no further action will be taken.

North Ave. Traffic Update

- Neighborhood traffic and concerns east of York Rd. have been studied and improvement measures taken over the past few years with no increased speeds or crashes. Problems are related to the lack of an exit ramp from I-290/I-294 to eastbound North Ave. Staff recommends continued monitoring and enforcement until a permanent solution can be implemented, namely by way the exit ramp as part of the anticipated Elgin O'Hare Bypass completion in the next few years.

Union Pacific Railroad Crossing at West Ave. Status Update

- Traffic Consultant review, meeting and concept plan correspondence with UP staff, funding source exploration and continued staff efforts are being applied to this ongoing project.

Disposition of Yield Sign Request Swain and Adams St.

- None of the required traffic warrants were met and staff recommended not installing yield signs at this intersection.

Disposition of Yield Sign Request at Saylor and Adams St.

- None of the required traffic warrants were met and staff recommended not installing yield signs at this intersection.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Buenz, Deputy Chief