

Minutes of Committee
Monday, March 14, 2011
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Special Events:
 - a. 2011 Farmer's Market
 - b. 2011 Memorial Day Parade
 - c. 2011 Annie Ryan Fun Run
 - d. 2011 Evangelical Church Community
 - e. 2011 Pet Parade

- 2) Other Business
 - a. Handicap access north of Prairie Path Lane in the Business District
 - b. KC Hall entrance/exit issue
 - c. St Patrick's Day Parade Police summary

Members Present: Wagner, Pezza, Levin

Elected Official Present: Patty Spencer

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

Guest: Rev. Jason Turner, Adam Kreemkowski, John DeVries, Ralph Pechanio, John Quigley, Mark Ryan

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- 1) Special Events
 - a. 2011 Farmer's Market - There was a discussion on ingress and egress of traffic from the Market followed by discussion of parking issues. Mr. Kreemkowski expressed a concern with the loss of numerous parking spots and requested possible street parking in violation of posted signs which was deemed to be too unsafe. Kreemkowski related that they were tightening up the market to gain an additional 16 or more parking spaces with overflow to the US Bank lot. The report was signed by the Committee members.

 - b. 2011 Memorial Day Parade - There were no issues, concerns, or changes from previous year's model of this yearly event and the report was signed.

 - c. 2011 Annie Ryan Fun Run - There were no issues, concerns, or changes from previous year's model of this yearly event and the report was signed.

- d. 2011 Evangelical Church Community - There were no issues, concerns, or changes from previous year's model of this yearly event and the report was signed.
- e. 2011 Pet Parade - During discussion, Mr. DeVries stated that there are normally about 200-250 pets and bicycles registered for this event. Mr. DeVries requested that the temporary prohibited parking signs posted as part of the event be posted at a later time than normal to better accommodate local businesses prior to that time. He realized that the times on the signs were already printed and offered to pay for any reprint. That matter will be referred to Administrative Sgt. McLean for review and further coordination. The report was signed.

2) Other Business

- a. Chairman Wagner began a discussion related to handicapped access at the west curb line north of the Prairie Path in the business district where there is no curb cut. This curb runs for such a length disallowing handicapped access from the east side of the street or parking lot area behind Stemples. Someone in a wheelchair would currently have to go south on the east sidewalk toward Prairie Path Lane, cross to the west sidewalk, and then travel back north. Discussion of the feasibility and construction of such access followed. It was believed this had been studied in the past. Deputy Chief Bacidore will check with Engineering for any previous report.
- b. Chairman Wagner raised a concern about the entrance/exit of the area and parking lot behind the KC Hall and adjacent businesses. He reported that approximately 50-60 cars per day were violating the Do Not Enter signs and recommended closing off an entrance possibly by way of a planter garden structure. Division Street is the other access point off of Vallette. After discussion, this matter was referred to Engineering prior to any formal proposal is offered.
- c. Police Chief Neubauer delivered a summary of police response and criminal activity related to the St. Patrick's Day weekend parade and celebration. Alderman Levin commented that they shut down the South Side Chicago event after growing problems. During discussion, overriding safety concerns, manpower constraints, overcrowding issues, etc. were raised. Chairman Wagner expressed a desire to attend the Parade Committee debriefing meeting on March 17, 2011 at the Community Bank.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Daniel Buenz, Deputy Chief