

Minutes of Committee
Monday, March 28, 2011
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Special Events:
 - a. Jaycees Carnival
- 2) Request for Pushcarts
- 3) Pedicab Licensing
- 4) Police Department Request for New Vehicle

Committee Members Present: Wagner, Levin & Pezza

Elected Officials Present: Spencer

Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Buenz, Anaszewicz, D. Panico

Guests Present: Brian Stalker, Todd Jones

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1 Stalker was present to address the Committee and respond to any questions. Subsequent to a brief discussion in which Chief Neubauer advised the Committee that there were no significant problems at last years event the Committee signed the report.

Item #2 Jones presented his proposed business plan to the Committee and respond to questions. He advised the push cart sales of produce is a means to market his business as a specialized edible landscaping service, established to assist people to build and maintain edible gardens.

The discussion then focused on the requested location and the current ordinance regulating "Push Cart Vendors". The current ordinance designates three specific locations in the central business district. The requested location, the S/W corner of York and Park, is not one of the three specified locations in the ordinance. Kopp informed the Committee of the history of the current ordinance and the reasoning behind the three specified locations available to push cart vendors.

The Committee agreed that the business concept was good however the requested location was not designated as a push cart vendor site in the ordinance, and would be

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in conflict with its designed and intended purpose as a gathering and resting place for pedestrians. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed Jones to research alternative locations for his push cart and return with a revised plan.

Item #3 Wagner opened the discussion by explaining that the licensing requirements regarding the \$75.00 background check fee for "Pedicab" operators/drivers has the unintended adverse financial impact on the pedicab operators relative to their seasonal earnings when compared to other similar businesses such as the 12 month taxi cab driver. He believes the background check should be conducted on an annual basis to insure public safety protection for the Community. However due to its unique service to the Community and seasonal operation, he suggested the background fee be waived for the pedicab operators, or provide a reduced fee schedule for them. The discussion then revolved around waiving the background fee for pedicab operators. Pezza expressed concern that completely waiving the fee would set a precedent for other businesses who would request and expect the same consideration, to which Levin concurred.

The discussion then focused on reducing the background check fee for pedicab operators due to the seasonal operation vs. the entire year. Subsequent to further discussion regarding the appropriate adjusted rate, the Committee agreed on a \$45.00 fee for the background check of pedicab operator/driver. The Committee directed staff to prepare a report for the next meeting.

Item #4 Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee signed the report.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Submitted by Deputy Chief Dominic Panico