

Minutes of Committee
Monday, April 28, 2008
7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Chamber of Commerce Request: Elmfest 2008 Operations
- 2) Elmhurst's Senior/Disabled Transportation Programs and Recommendation to Consider Ride DuPage
- 3) Lincoln School Traffic Issues
- 4) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Moriarty (part)

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Doherty, Bacidore, Mahoney, Panico, Van De Walle, Keating, Spiroff

Guest: Carole Zimmer, Tony Derevetz, Kim Naftzger, Bette Stack, Tom Paravola, Mark Dattoli, Marian McHugh, John Quigley

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Quigley and Paravola were present to address and respond to any questions. The discussion focused on the request to return to the festivals old horseshoe-style layout last done in 2005. This would include re-closing York St. between Schiller St. and 2nd St., and Schiller St. from York to Commerce Parkway. Paravola advised the Committee, the City Centre supports this proposed change. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee signed the report.
2. Van De Walle was present to address and respond to Committee questions. Mulliner advised the Committee there are no monetary subsidies, other than Pace, providing the administration and operation of the program. Also, the program allows for limited travel into Cook County for hospitals, doctors, and the two airports (Midway and O'Hare). Subsequent to further discussion, the matter was tabled to the next Committee meeting to allow for further review of information the Committee received just prior to the meeting.
4. **Other Business: (was taken out of order to allow Alderman Moriarty to be present for Item 3)**

Alderman Nybo requested an update on a request for a pedestrian cross walk at Eggleston and Argyle. Keating advised there has been some analysis conducted regarding traffic and pedestrian counts and present signage. Subsequent to further discussion, the matter was tabled pending continued evaluation.
3. Neubauer and Keating were present to address and respond to Committee questions reference the engineering memo on "Parking Restrictions at Lincoln School". Keating advised modifications to the parking restrictions near Lincoln School were made on a temporary basis due to school construction. Now that construction is complete, Lincoln School requested those restrictions be made permanent. Neubauer advises to do so requires a change in Ordinance. The Committee then discussed resident surveys regarding those changes conducted by engineering. The discussion then focused on additional parking restrictions on Hillside Ave from Montrose to Vallette. Survey results indicated an interest in "No Parking Anytime" on the west side of Hillside Ave. Due to the school's construction; a number of parking spaces on school property were eliminated. These parking spaces had been used for various evening and weekend activities at both Lincoln School and Epiphany Lutheran Church. Now those vehicles are parking on the street adversely impacting residents. A number of those residents were present at the meeting and voiced their support for the additional parking restriction citing a number of reasons and the concern that emergency vehicles would not be able to travel on the street safely during peak parking times. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to draft a report for phone signatures regarding Staff's recommendation to keep the present parking restrictions and for "No Parking Anytime" on the west side of Hillside Ave from Montrose Ave to Vallette St, and to keep the two (2) hour parking restriction on the east side.

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The Committee was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief