

Minutes of Committee
Monday, August 13th, 2007
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Heritage Center Leadership Report
- 2) Traffic Calming 300 Block of Berteau
- 3) Removal of Open Liquor (wine) from Restaurants
- 4) Voluntary Speed Compliance (VSC) Device Initiative
- 5) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Marcucci, Gutenkauf, Spencer

City Staff Present: Borchert, Spiroff, Kopp, Bacidore, Novak, Neubauer,
Burroughs, Doherty, Bergheger

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Historical Museum Director Bergheger briefed the Committee on the work of the leadership team. Bergheger also gave some history of the prior work and mission of the Historical Commission and Historical Museum Foundation. Director Bergheger advised that both entities are supportive of the recommendation outlined in the report.
Craig Nelson and Scott Smith representing the Commission and the Foundation also addressed the Committee to detail the reasons both entities are supportive of the recommendations. It was discussed and confirmed that City Council oversight and control remains unchanged.
The Chairman directed staff to prepare a draft report concurring with the recommendation outlined in the leadership team report for review at the next meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed the information and recommendation provided by Engineering. It was noted that the speeds were high in the area; however, emergency vehicle traffic to the hospital could be contributing. Engineering noted that the data on tree planting for traffic calming is not conclusive but felt planting of trees (4) is recommended to assess effectiveness also noting Elmhurst is a Tree City USA Community. After discussion, Staff was directed to contact homeowners where the tree locations were identified to obtain concurrence prior to planting.
The Chairman noted that he would like staff to develop a flow chart for traffic calming issue and present it to the Committee at a future meeting.
3. Attorney Spiroff briefed the Committee on the state law. The issues to be decided are what class of liquor licenses would be included in this ordinance. After discussion, the Committee decided that the ordinance would be structured to be as inclusive as possible. The Committee directed Attorney Spiroff to prepare a draft ordinance for review.
4. The Committee signed the report recommending the purchase of Kustom Signals S.M.A.R.T trailer to replace the existing PD42 S.M.A.R.T trailer.
5. The Committee discussed the various Voluntary Speed Compliance (VSC) devices and options available. It was agreed that this concept warrants further discussion. The Chairman directed staff to obtain additional data. The Chairman would like a future Committee meeting devoted to traffic calming and to Voluntary Speed Compliance (VSC).

6. Other Business

- a. Alderman Nybo inquired on all city effort regarding traffic and pedestrian concerns at Lincoln School. Staff to forward all available information.
- b. Project Lightspeed. Atty. Spiroff updated the Committee on the status of legislation and its impact on local control and ordinance. A model ordinance is being drafted.
- c. Recent issues with Com Ed reliability have surfaced in the Community. The City has a Com Ed liaison who will be contacted to provide answers to the current issues.

The Committee was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by James K. Doherty, Deputy Chief