

**Minutes of Committee
Monday, July 9th, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Liquor License Requests: CVS Pharmacy
- 2) Traffic Calming 300 Block of Berteau
- 3) Continued Discussion: Collegeview Parking
- 4) Other Business

Committee Present: Mulliner, Nybo, Bram (part)

Elected Official Present: Spencer, Regan (part), Gutenkauf

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Doherty, McLean, Panico, Kopp (part), Bacidore (part), Spiroff, Borchert (part)

Guests: **CVS:** Priscilla Burdy, Bill Hockman

Collegeview Parking: Tom Kramer, Karen Hausch, Marguerite Tapling, Jennifer Morrissey, AJ Schmitz, Ann Tranter

Reporter: Steve Borsinski

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. CVS representatives Burdy and Hockman addressed the Committee and presented their business plan that addressed the Committees prior concerns.

- Bassett trained all store employees who will be involved in the sale of alcohol.
- Purchased and installed “Legal Age Security software” which requires a customer’s driver’s license to be read prior to the sale of any liquor and tobacco.
- Architectural drawing that depicts where the liquor will be placed and will be under lock and key.
- Liquor storage area will be entirely caged and locked.

Nybo recommended several changes be made to the report. The Committee agreed and directed staff to make the changes and prepare the report for Council review next week.

2. Kopp presented the Committee with an engineering study conducted on Berteau Ave (3rd to North Ave). Neubauer advised the Committee that a review of the traffic accident history revealed only a minimal number of accidents. Most believed to be caused by lost motorists attempting to turn around in driveways to get back to the expressway.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed staff to research the use of trees as a traffic calming device. Also, the number of trees recommended, the cost, and a diagram of their location along the street in the parkway.

3. Mulliner began by giving a brief overview of the issue and the history of parking restrictions in the Collegeview (York High School) area. Borchert then addressed the Committee and guests regarding staff’s research and results of residential parking permit systems. Borchert also gave a brief overview of the City’s past experience of a parking permit for residents on two streets west of the hospital. (Elmhurst and Second Streets). This system was initially implemented prior to the hospital constructing a parking deck. This system is no longer in effect. Further discussion involved the significant increase in personnel time and resources to implement, regulate, manage, and enforce a resident parking system. Also, the resident parking system has the potential to invite other neighborhoods to request similar permit programs thereby placing an even greater demand on resources requiring additional staffing. Mulliner and Bram expressed concern with implementing a parking permit system and suggested another alternative.

Nybo expressed the importance of having strong resident support for such a plan before any action is taken. At this point it did not appear to have that. Permit systems in other Communities researched was in response to parking shortages not restrictions, as in the case of the Collegeview neighborhood.

He suggested three (3) goals be considered in developing solutions:

1. Fewer parking restrictions on residents
2. Continued prevention of High School Students taking over available street parking
3. The program is easily administered (not taxing or expanding City resources)

Regan addressed the Committee advising he is a long time resident of the Collegeview neighborhood, and has only received one (1) phone call regarding this matter. He knows there are residents who do not wish any changes be made to the parking restrictions. He also expressed concern that a permit system would expand beyond the Collegeview neighborhood into other neighborhoods and well beyond the City's resources to manage and administer.

The discussion then focused on modifying or adjusting the time limited on current parking restrictions. Residents/Guests present were not in favor of this, expressing concern that it would encourage students to park on the streets and return the neighborhood to the same condition which prompted the current parking restrictions. Incidents of speeding autos leaving after school, littering, noise and congested streets, were all cited as examples. Mulliner said there was a need to involve the High School to assist in developing solutions. Subsequent to further discussion involving options modifying current restricted parking, signage changes, block by block resident surveys, the Committee directed staff to draft a report for the July 23rd Committee meeting.

4. Other business-None

The Committee was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief