

**Minutes of Committee**  
**Monday, February 26th, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Discussion: Permit Parking Request Collegeview Area
- 2) Stop Sign Requests:
  - a. Parkside Avenue and Adams Street
  - b. Saylor Avenue and McKinley Avenue
- 3) Other Business

Members Present: Jordan, Mulliner, Bram

Elected Official Present: Tranter (part #1), Spencer, Moriarty

City Staff Present: Borchert, City Attorney Spiroff, Panico, Doherty, Kopp, Bacidore, Trosein (part #1)

Guests: Doug Johnson, Tim Tracy, Jackie and Nolan Lehrer, Janice Lapiana, Robert, Marguerite, George, and George IV Tapling, Robert Dinning, Charles Muller, Scott Smith.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- 1) Mr. Borchert advised the Committee and Guests of the Staff research as a result of a request for a Resident Permit Parking Pass and the current parking conditions around York High School. Identify and understand the problems fully and to discuss possible solutions. Alderman Jordan opened the floor to those guests in attendance for this item. The general consensus of those who spoke was not being able to park in front of their houses during school days and hours due to current parking restrictions. A Residential Parking Permit was offered as a solution. Alderman Tranter addressed the Committee advising that other communities have a Residential Parking Permit system. The current parking restrictions are due to York High School students and insufficient parking at the High School due to the number of students who drive to school. Alderman Tranter said there needs to be a full understanding of a Residential Parking Permit System, what is involved and the impact it would have. We do not want it to be too cumbersome or costly to implement the program. Mr. Borchert advised there is a real potential for residential parking permits in many other areas of the City, such as residential streets, around parks, other schools, and residential areas adjacent to businesses. The regulation and enforcement of such a permit system would require additional personnel resources. It is the direction of the City Council not to add new programs to the current City budget. Mr. Borchert suggested a possible solution would be to modify the existing parking restrictions to allow residents to park and still limit or restrict the possibility of York students to parking on the street. This could be done by changing the hours/time restricting parking or changing it to a 2 hour parking. Alderman Mulliner suggested that the school district being a stakeholder, should be involved in this discussion. Alderman Braun suggested this not be limited to just a few streets. The impact on the entire area should be considered. He views this more of a convenience issue, not a safety issue. He also suggested that modifying current parking restrictions as a solution. Subsequent to further discussion, Alderman Tranter suggested that further research needed to be done to clarify the issue and understand the full impact on the community. She offered the following questions be addressed to those communities who currently have such a system, (Oak Park, Brookfield, and Evanston):

- How long has this program been in effect?
- How long did it take to get drivers to abide by this parking permit program?
- How much time does it take to enforce and how large is the area of enforcement?
- On a monthly basis, how many calls does the PD get from residents to report an unauthorized car?
- How many tickets are issued?
- Also, could you provide the details of current parking program for the street by the hospital?
- What exactly does the city suggest as their solution to this problem?

The Committee directed staff to invite the School District to the next meeting this item is on the agenda, and that staff follow up on Alderman Tranter suggestions. Staff is to report back to the Committee in four (4) weeks.

- 2) (Taken out of order due to Residents present to address the Committee.)
  - b. The residents disagreed with the recommendations of a yield sign, that a stop sign was needed not a yield sign. Subsequent to discussion, the report was changed to read stop sign. Alderman Jordan and Mulliner signed the report; Alderman Bram tabled his signature until he could view the intersection.
    - a. Subsequent to review of the report, the Committee signed the report.
- 3) Other business:
  - a. Commissioner Scott Smith of the Historical Commission Leadership Team advised the Committee of a status report of the Commission Leadership Team.
  - b. Chief Kopp advised the Committee that the Fire Department's old breathing apparatuses are of no value and need to be disposed of. They will be donated to the State Fire Marshall at no liability to the City.

The Committee was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief