

Minutes of Committee
Monday, December 8, 2008
8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Review of Safety Issues:
 - A. Traffic issues on Berkely between St. Charles and Montrose
 - B. Traffic issues on Eggleston between Argyle and York
 - C. Entrance of Pioneer Park at Vallette and Meister
 - D. Speed Limit Sign on Bryan between Vallette and McKinley
2. Resolution Supporting Stakeholder Input and Public Safety Focus for DuPage emergency Telephone System Board and the Interoperable Radio Network
3. Fire Department Purchase of Eighteen (18) Portable Radio
4. Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram (part), and Nybo

Elected Official Present: Marcucci, Spencer (part), Moriarty (part)

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp (part), Doherty, Panico, Novak, Bacidore, Spiroff (part), Borchert, Keating, Brent Coulter-Engineering Consultant

Guest: Jeanne Kett, John Kett, Julie Carpenter, Keith Olson, Bob Smith, Jerome Enright, Tracy Kramer, Kevin Kramer, Bob Hoel, Patty Ryan

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Mulliner and Nybo addressed guests present regarding this item. Nybo complimented Staff on their thoroughness of the reports on items 1-A through 1-D. Mulliner then opened the floor to guests who wished to comment on item 1-A through 1-D. The following residents addressed the Committee:

Jean Kett, Julie Carpenter, Keith Olson, Jerome Enright, and Patty Ryan, who received a letter from Mary Ann Kalis, (Principal of Lincoln School) in support of the residents. Subsequent to further discussion, Borchert introduced City Engineer Keating and Engineering Consultant Brent Coulter. Coulter provided an overview of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) which are nationally recognized standards/guidelines. The City of Elmhurst adopted the MUTCD standards a number of years ago. Coulter advised he used the MUTCD standards to evaluate items 1-A through 1-D and make his recommendations. Mulliner pointed out the importance of following the MUTCD standards/guidelines for consistency, safety and protecting the City from liability if those standards are not followed. Coulter continued to present his recommendations, findings and analysis methods as they applied to each traffic study site. He also responded to questions from both the Committee and guests. Subsequent to further discussion, the following was decided for each traffic study site and for Staff to prepare a draft report of same.

1-A. Staff to follow through with safety recommendations. Stop sign request put on pending list to allow further review due to Prairie Path Lane being a staging route for drop off and pick up for Lincoln students. Coulter was unaware of this factor for the initial analysis. Also pending further review and study are the parking conditions on Randolph and request for a crossing guard. Staff will also seek authorization to use new MUTCD signs which combine pedestrian and bicycles.

1-B. Staff to follow through with safety recommendations. Also to conduct further analysis of traffic counts and if possible compare them to traffic counts conducted in prior years.

1-C. Staff to follow through with safety recommendations. Also further review in warmer weather to allow for more accurate pedestrian counts and review the sidewalk and curb in proximity to the roadway on the northwest curve.

1-D. Staff to follow through with installation of a speed limit sign.

2. Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee providing an overview of the resolution to be presented to Council.
3. Subsequent to a brief discussion, the Committee signed the report.
4. Chief Kopp advised the Committee of a proposed ordinance regarding a “wireless radio alarm” system to replace the existing fire alarm direct connect ordinance. This proposed ordinance was on the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee agenda.

The Committee was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief