

**Minutes of Committee
Monday, July 26, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Oak Street Parking Change Request
- 2) Taxicab Parking Issues
- 3) Elmhurst Historical Museum – Director B. Bergheger
 - a. One Room School House Status Update
 - b. Discussion of Celebration – City of Elmhurst 100 yr. Anniversary
- 4) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Nybo and Pezza

City Staff Present: City Engineer Kim McGrew, Wallace, Doherty

Guests:

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Nybo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Nybo advised that there is a Community meeting on the recent flooding problems in Elmhurst at Bryan Middle School that starts at 8:00 p.m. Ald. Nybo advised the PA&S meeting would conclude promptly at 7:30 p.m. Any business not concluded would be continued to the next PA&S meeting on August 9, 2010. Ald. Nybo advised that he was going to take the agenda items out of order. Alderman Pezza had no objections.

Item 2 – Proposed Amended Taxi Cab Ordinance

Ald. Nybo advised that he had no questions or concerns, Ald. Pezza concurred. The Committee signed the report recommending the amended Taxi Cab Ordinance be forwarded to Elmhurst City Council for approval.

Item 1- Oak Street Parking Change Requests

City Engineer McGrew summarized the results of this request. After receiving the petition City engineering polled the affected residents. The results revealed that only 57% of residents were in favor of a change. The protocol calls for 70%, so Staff recommendation was to have the current restrictions remain.

Resident John Barrett addressed the Committee advising he does not agree with Staff recommendation. Additionally, Mr. Barrett was in possession of two (2) letters from affected residents who had indicated that when polled, who were not in agreement with a change, are now in favor of the change. Further a resident who had not returned the poll was present at this Committee meeting and was in favor of the proposed change.

Mr. Barrett advised he felt these additional three (3) residents put the percentage of residents in favor over 70%.

A resident not in favor of the proposed changes who resides on the east side of Oak Street suggested the option of removing the parking restrictions on the west side of Oak Street as a solution.

Ald. Pezza questioned restricting prior to 2008. McGrew did not have the information at hand. A resident advised that previously there was a single sign posted on the east side near Armitage stating "No Parking after 5 pm".

Ald. Nybo noted that the current parking restrictions expire in less than one (1) week. Ald. Nybo suggested the residents try and obtain a compromise that could be instituted prior to the next peak season. Residents inquired about the option of a "trial period" for some of the recommendations suggested and if not successful, a waiver on the two (2) year moratorium of changing. Ald. Nybo advised all protocol is advisory to the Committee not a mandate, so that would be an option.

Vice Chair Nybo advised it is 7:28, I am going to continue this agenda time to the next PA&S meeting.

No other business was discussed.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by James Doherty, Deputy Chief of Police