

Minutes of Committee
Monday, September 27, 2010
7:17 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Discussion: Adelaide Parking Deck
- 2) Disposition of Stop Sign Request – Sunnyside and Crescent
- 3) Liquor License Request: Rendezvous
- 4) Other Business
 - a. Crossing Guards
 - b. No Parking During Foot ball Games
 - c. Drug Take Back – Successful
 - d. “Safe Routes to School” Program

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, Pezza

Elected Official Present: DiCianni, Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp (part) Borchert (part), Storino, Trosien, Bacidore, Buenz, Panico & Mahoney

Guests: Patty Plattenberger, William Chu, Deb Ronnebeck

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- Item #1 Nybo opened the discussion referring to the draft report's recommendation to reduce the number of proposed employee spaces of 100 to 52 in the Adelaide parking deck as being a fair compromise. Borchert advised the Committee that this was an interim action and City Staff will continue to analyze the entire parking system to develop a comprehensive marketing plan for January 1, 2011. The discussion then focused on the monthly pass programs available to both commuters and employees and how the demand for these may factor into the parking space allocation in the various lots and decks. Subsequent to further discussion it was decided to withdraw the draft report and to make no changes to the Adelaide deck parking space allocation at this time. Staff will market the First Street deck and conduct further parking space allocation analysis throughout the downtown business district. Subsequent to this analysis staff will report back to the Committee with a comprehensive report.
- Item #2 Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee signed the report.
- Item #3 "Rendezvous" owner/operator Patty Plattenberger was present to present her business plan and respond to the Committee and Staff questions. She also provided updated information regarding her plan. The discussion then focused on the absence of a kitchen at the location and there being no provision to construct one in the business plan. Mayor DiCianni and Committee members pointed out that having a kitchen to provide food to customers has been a pre-requisite for other liquor license applicants in the past. Plattenberger explained that she plans on having food delivered from 100 South to customers and that location does not have room for a kitchen to be built. The Mayor and Committee members expressed their support of local business and in favor of the general concept of the plan. However they again stressed the importance of investing in and having a kitchen for a business that serves liquor and being consistent with other liquor businesses that were required to have their own kitchen to provide food to their customers, that without one it would be doubtful a liquor license would be granted.
- Item #4-A Chief Neubauer informed the Committee the Police Department conducted a study of noon time school crossings and found some have no children crossing and others have only a few. Chief Neubauer will collaborate with the School District reference results of the study.
- Item #4-B Chief Neubauer informed the Committee that as a result of residential complaints and requests, temporary "No Parking" signs were posted on one side of the street in the residential area southwest of the York High School stadium the past two home football games. Temporary signs will be posted for the remaining home games. Discussion regarding permanent signs with the City Attorney will be forthcoming.

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- Item#4-C Chief Neubauer informed the Committee on Saturday September 25th, the Elmhurst Police Department participated in an unused medicine “Take Back” program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.). The event was a great success with the Police Department collecting 11 boxes of unused medicines. The Police Department will continue to work with the D.E.A. in any future programs and look to locate a facility to dispose of collected unused medicines.
- Item #4-D Pezza inquired about possible grants regarding the “Safe Routes to School” program. Chief Neubauer advised that the Bicycle Task Force, City Engineering, and School District #205 are working on that.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief