

**Minutes of Committee**  
**Monday, November 8, 2010**  
**8:10 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Central Business District Parking System
- 2) Crossing Prairie Path and York St (moved to last agenda item)
- 3) Signage- No Cell Phone Use in School Zone
- 4) Draft Report: Salt Creek Greenway Trail
- 5) Other Business

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, Pezza

Elected Official Present: Kennedy, Healy (for Item #2)

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Buenz, Bacidore, Mahoney, Trosien, Panico

Guest: Tom Paravola, Paul Peterson

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1 Trosien was in attendance to present the draft Central Business District Parking System report and respond to the Committees questions regarding proposed changes. Trosien further advised that he worked closely with Tom Paravola of the City Centre in the development of the plan. Wagner opened the discussion asking Trosien to explain the changes in permit spaces and how they relate to General & Employee permits, and Consumer & Daily Parking spaces. Trosien further explained some of the parking space allocation changes to meet needs in certain areas of the business district. He further responded to questions regarding the new First Street parking deck and the new Addison St. surface lot. Paravola added that the City Centre will work with the City in advertising the proposed plan and to clarify parking signage to assist in facilitating the changes for implementation January 2011. Pezza expressed concern that there may be a loss of consumer spaces in the new plan. Trosien responded there would be no loss of consumer spaces. Paravola added that consumer parking is the number one concern of merchants and was taken into consideration in the plan's development. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee signed the report.

Item #3 (Note: Chairman Wagner moved item #2 to the last agenda item to allow Alderman Kennedy and Healy to attend the discussion)

Wagner opened the discussion by recognizing the success of the temporary "No Cell Phone Use in School Zone" signs being circulated between schools to increase public awareness and compliance to the law. He suggested the possibility of permanently posting similar signs around each of the schools. During subsequent discussion both Neubauer and Kopp advised that the permanent signs would lose their effectiveness and just blend into existing signs as sign pollution renders signs ineffective. That the temporary signs are more effective when moved from school to school. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed Staff to make up several more temporary "No Cell Phone Use in School Zone" signs to be circulated among the schools.

Item #4 Kopp addressed the Committee providing an overview of the report and advised of the collaboration between the Park District and City to implement the recommendations in Coulter's report. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee tabled the item to the next meeting date.

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- Item #2      Kopp addressed the Committee providing an overview of the 2009 Coulter Transportation Consulting report regarding the Prairie Path crossing and York St. This report identified several potential improvement options/recommendations that Staff had already taken action on, and installing the combination Pedestrian/Bike crossing signs in the near future. Also, Staff will evaluate some newer technology in the area. Neubauer provide the Committee with the accident history for the intersection from the past three years. The discussion then turned to the Prairie Path crossing at Poplar and possible changes similar to those made at the Prairie Path and Berkley crossing. Resident Peterson recommended cutting some foliage back to enhance visibility at the crossing. Subsequent to further discussion, Alderman Kennedy and Healy were provided copies of Coulter's 2009 report for review. Per Wagner's request Staff will attempt to re-stripe the crosswalk at York St. and Prairie Path (weather permitting), investigate the possibility of "grooved" pavement at York St. and the Prairie Path, and cutting back foliage at Poplar & Prairie Path. This item was tabled to a future meeting to allow Kennedy and Healy an opportunity to review the Coulter report and Staff to report back.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.  
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief