

Minutes of Committee
Monday, April 23, 2012
7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Fairfield Avenue and Vallette Street Stop Sign Request
- 2) Cool Cars
- 3) Review of MCO 31.300 – Regulation of Film Production
- 4) Public Comments
- 5) Other Business

Committee: Bram, Pezza

Elected Officials: DiCianni

Staff: Panico, Kveton, Bacidore, Wallace, Tiberi, Storino

Guests: John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Christy Sopko, Laura Maniola

Item #1 Fairfield Avenue and Vallette Street Stop Sign Request

Pezza stated that she felt it was good for the Committee to have taken an extra two weeks to study and research this issue. Pezza stated this gave the Committee and Staff some time to do further research, which she stated she forwarded some of it to Engineering. Pezza then asked Staff to give an update. Tiberi reflected to the report and research on un-warranted stop signs that had been submitted to the Committee. Research was submitted that many different research reports showed that un-warranted stop signs have many pit falls and have been found to be more hazardous than beneficial. They do not reduce speed and they do not make the intersections safer, in fact they make the intersection more dangerous if the placement of the stop sign is un-warranted. Tiberi also reviewed the protocols of other communities for stop sign placement. Communities that have criteria that looks outside of the MUTCD such as Addison and Naperville. Tiberi was then asked if she compared the Fairfield and Vallette intersection to the criteria that other communities use. Tiberi stated she did and related that even when she used the criteria that other communities have used outside of the guidelines of the MUTCD criteria, this intersection still does not come close to meeting the criteria that would warrant the installation of stop signs.

Mayor DiCianni then stated that after the Public Affairs and Safety Committee meeting two weeks ago where this was discussed previously he called the Mayor of Addison to inquire about their procedures. The Mayor of Addison related to DiCianni that any time they get a request for a stop sign from a principle of a school or a PTA president they just grant it no matter what the MUTCD says. DiCianni stated you can't be a slave to the MUTCD, you have to use common sense in these situations where schools, playgrounds or churches are involved. Pezza stated that she has not heard of anything like that before and wondered if any other community does that besides Addison.

Pezza then said that all the research shows that putting stop signs in at Fairfield and Vallette are not warranted. The research also shows the putting in stop signs that are not warranted could more likely than not create a more hazardous environment than prior to the installation. It may cause a more dangerous situation than leaving the intersection as is. Pezza asked that the intersection continue to be monitored. Pezza thanked Staff for their work and extra work to make sure the information was correct.

Bram stated that all the additional information was great and was very educational. Both Pezza and Bram feel that the recommendation of the Staff should be followed.

Posting of this stop sign was not approved.

Item #2 Cool Cars

Some discussion was had regarding the details of this event. A slight change to the traffic pattern and time were discussed. Paravola explained the changes and the reasons for them.

Report signed.

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Item #3 Review of MCO 31.300 – Regulation of Film Production

This topic will be tabled until the next PA & S meeting.

Item #4 Public Comments

None

Item #5 Other Business

None

The Committee was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by James Kveton, Deputy Chief of Police

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