

Minutes of Committee
Monday, May 14, 2012
7:14 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Stop Sign Request – Vallette and Fairfield
- 2) Commercial Filming
- 3) Public Comments
- 4) Other Business

Committee: Wagner, Bram, Pezza

Elected Officials: None

Staff: Panico, Kveton, Kopp, Bacidore, Storino, Grabowski

Guests: None

Item #1 Stop Sign Request – Vallette and Fairfield

Wagner started with some thoughts and he stated that he would like to re-visit this topic. He asked Pezza to go over her thoughts on this topic. She then reviewed data and information based on the last two meetings. Pezza reiterated her thoughts that based on the results she could not approve putting up this stop sign. Wagner then asked Bram to give his thoughts. Bram said he was surprised to see this back on the agenda. He went over the findings from the last meeting and felt it was clear that a stop sign should not be approved or installed. Pezza then stated it should not be forgotten about, but she does not feel a stop sign should be installed.

Wagner then stated he has gotten a lot of feedback from people that feel the stop sign should be put up. He feels that it would make the area safer. He talked about Chicago putting up cameras but that would be too expensive. He would like to recommend the stop sign and make it a majority report and Pezza stated absolutely not. Bram then stated he has been vocal about his feelings. He then reviewed his thoughts and feelings over the last few years and his actions regarding safety around Lincoln School. He talked about the fact that streets are closed around the school during the time kids are coming and going. He also discussed how there is a baseball field on the other side of the school and there does not seem to be an issue there. He feels this is perception not a real problem and the data shows that.

Wagner said that he understands the opinion of the others but he is going to side with the residents. Pezza then brought up the tort immunity act and asked Storino to write a report regarding the liability that would fall on the city if they were to put in a sign that is not warranted. Storino then stated that the tort immunity act should not be the deciding factor. Storino feels there is absolute immunity in the initial placement of a regulatory traffic control device. There are immunities if you don't put up the sign and there are also immunities if a sign is put up.

Bram will write a majority report and forward it to Kopp and Pezza for review.

Item #2 Commercial Filming

Wagner asked Kopp to go over past incidents of filming in town and noted some bad experiences the City has had. Kopp then went over his thoughts of a middle ground type ordinance as long as it is not disruptive to the community. Panico then went over some other concerns about impact on the community, neighbors, and City Staff. Bacidore was directed to come up with a draft new ordinance that might have two different ways of doing this either for a major or minor type of production.

Item #3 Public Comments – None

Item #4 Other Business

Bacidore reported that Jaycees will not be doing the food and alcohol part of their fest this year.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by James Kveton, Deputy Chief of Police