

Minutes of Committee
Monday, June 26, 2012
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Knights of Columbus Recycling Event
- 2) Commercial Film Ordinance Revision
- 3) Review of Pending Items
- 4) Public Comments
 - a. Radio Control Car Race-Al's Hobby Shop
 - b. Yellow Dot Program
- 5) Other Business

Members Present: Wagner, Pezza, Bram

City Staff Present: Bacidore, Wallace, Grabowski (part), Winker, Panico

Guest: Oryna Schiffman, Mathew Williamson, Kate Levinson, Matthew Sifrel

Item 1 Knights of Columbus Recycling Event

Williamson addressed the Committee regarding a proposed Knights of Columbus Electronics Recycling Drive to be held on city property directly behind their building at 537 S. York. Four possible dates and tentative times of operation were suggested, the earliest date being July 8, 2012. The Committee was in favor of the event, however due to the success of prior recycling drives the Committee and Staff raised concerns of traffic safety. The parking lot has limited access in and out that would create congestion along Vallette. Vallette is a winding roadway east of the location and the nearby intersection of York Rd is a traffic safety concern. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed Williamson to work with the Police Department to develop an operational plan addressing the traffic safety concerns, identify specific dates and times of operation, arrange for both the necessary licensing agreement/insurance and report back to the Committee July 9, 2012.

Item 2 Commercial Film Ordinance Revision

Schiffman and Levinson addressed the Committee regarding a proposed amendment to the current Regulation of Film Production Ordinance. Schiffman related that she has surveyed approximately 50 residents who are in favor of allowing the use of their residence for commercial photography and commercials. For the use of the home, the resident is paid a significant fee. Both Schiffman and Levinson are in favor of amending the current ordinance which is very restrictive regarding the approval period of 30 days to a shorter approval period of 3 days for smaller less involved productions as other communities have. The Committee and Staff expressed concerns about these productions creating an adverse impact on the adjacent properties and neighborhood, such as traffic congestion, parking issues, street closures and the need for traffic direction. Chief Panico advised the police department does not arrange or schedule off duty traffic details for private businesses. Schiffman and Levinson advised it is standard practice to notify the immediate area around the home being used with flyers and contact information, sample provided. She advised smaller productions typically create conditions similar to a resident having a party. The discussion then focused on the proposed amendment having two categories, one applies to multiple day productions with a 30 day period before production begins, and the second category applies to single day productions with a 3 day period. Bram proposed it read 3 business days. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed Staff to make the change from 3 days to 3 business days and requested copy of the ordinance with the proposed amendment included for complete review prior to the next Committee meeting in two weeks.

Item 4 (a) Radio Control Car Race-Al's Hobby Shop

Chairman Wagner addressed this item out of agenda order to accommodate Matthew Sifrel who was present to represent Al's Hobby Shop. The Committee expressed their concern with the request not being made earlier, and the short time frame to the schedule event date of July 8. Bram was not comfortable with suspending the approval

process rules when this has been an annual event for the past several years. In response to the Committees' questions Sifrel was uncertain as to the status of the licensing agreement and insurance required for the event. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed the Police Department to coordinate with Al's Hobby Shop and confirm the licensing agreement and insurance was completed along with Staff's approval of the events operational plan, prior to phone in signatures for final approval by the next City Council meeting.

Item 3 Pending items list reviewed and revised as follows:

- 01/20/09 Request for Traffic Issues and Evaluations Surrounding North Avenue – Alderman Bram (Bram requested to be placed on PA&S agenda in 4 weeks for discussion)
- 04/08/10 Locator System for Individuals (legislation changed to allow use of system/ **remove from list**)
- 11/01/10 Prairie Path and York Street Crossing – Alderman Kennedy (pedestrian push button crossing system improvements planned late summer early fall 2012)
- 11/15/10 Parking on Kenilworth Between Church St. and Adelia St. – Alderman York (situation was monitoring and evaluated no longer an issue/ **remove from list**)
- 11/15/10 Three Way Stop Sign at West Ave. & 2nd St. – Aldermen Gutenkauf, Shea & Leader (waiting for completion of ongoing construction)
- 11/15/10 Union Pacific Railroad Crossing at West Avenue – Aldermen Gutenkauf, Pezza, Shea & Leader (waiting for completion of ongoing construction)
- 04/18/11 PACE Van Programs -Senior Commission (awaiting Sr. Commission to develop plan and return with more details)
- 09/19/11 Review of Solicitor Ordinance 31.240 Pezza (City Attorney reported back to Committee/ **remove from list**)
- 02/06/12 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (Wagner tabled until John Broihier from IL State Fire & Police Commission is available)
- 02/06/12 Electronic Waste Recycling and Prescription Drug Disposal - per Alderman Levin (a review of options determined continued collaboration with DEA drug take back program, it has been

successful in meeting the community need/ **Per Alderman Levin remove from list)**

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On Street Parking Restrictions – Aldermen York & Polomsky - Berteau Campus Neighborhood (Alderman York request item remain on list for further evaluation determine future use of old hospital site and to meet with residents.)

Item 4 (b) Yellow Dot Program

Alderman Wagner informed the Committee and Staff of the Illinois Department of Transportation “Yellow Dot” program. This program is a life-saving, traffic safety initiative that provides first responders with important information for emergency care for persons involved in vehicle crashes. Participants are given a bright yellow decal for their car and a yellow folder for the glove compartment containing medical information. The pros and cons of this program were subsequently discussed.

Item 5 None.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Dominic Panico, Interim Chief of Police