

Minutes of Committee
Monday, February 11, 2013
7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Police Department Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Purchase
- 2) West Avenue Corridor Completion Project
- 3) 95th Annual Memorial Day Parade
- 4) Patriot Bike Ride
- 5) Special Events Application Review
- 6) Public Comments
- 7) Other Business
 - a. Update - York High School North Side Pick Up

Committee: Wagner, Pezza, Bram

Elected Officials: Spencer

Staff: Ruth, Panico, Kveton, Bacidore , Anaszewicz, Winker, Storino

Guests: Tracey Janowitz, Ralph Pechanio

Item #1 Police Department Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Purchase

Wagner began the conversation and detailed the report and locations that the AED (s) will be available to officers at the police department. Chief Ruth and Deputy Chief Panico went over the details of training for police personnel. Chief Ruth also described a call for service in which a life was saved using the AED two weeks ago, when the victim had a heart attack in the area of Butterfield and York. Report signed.

Item #2 West Avenue Corridor Completion Report

Chief Bacidore went over the details of the report, which was forwarded by the Engineering Department. This was a team effort between the City and the Union Pacific Railroad, which ran from Alexander to North Ave. The street and intersections were reviewed by Coulter Transportation Consulting and it was determined from the study that there were no additional stop signs or other types of controls along this corridor warranted. At the railroad crossing of Union Pacific Railroad and West Avenue, sidewalks and pedestrian gates were installed along with sidewalks, both north and south of the tracks. This will address the safety concerns for pedestrians walking in the area.

Item #3 95th Annual Memorial Day Parade

The parade will be run in the same way as it has been in prior years. Ralph Pechanio provided informational material to City staff and the Committee explaining the procedures that the Parade Committee is following as they have in past years in regards to community notifications and event details. Report signed.

Item #4 Patriot Bike Ride

Tracey Janowitz, co-owner of Patriot Boxing handed out written information regarding this event to the Committee. Janowitz described the details of the event as to where and how it would be run. Janowitz explained that the insurance was covered with the park district and that they will be working in cooperation with them. No street closures will be needed. Time frame will be 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

After the explanation it was determined that based on the details of this event, with no impact on city services, there would be no need for City approval. Pezza described an observation from a bike event last year that she observed bicyclists riding over the railroad tracks in a very unsafe manner, without looking. Both Bram and Wagner expressed liability concerns and asked that Janowitz forward a waiver of liability from Patriot Boxing to the City Attorney. The storage of the participants' bicycles was discussed and is estimated to be around two hundred.

Storino reinforced the fact that liability would not fall on the City based on these details, but did ask to review the waiver that will be used for the racers.

Item #5 Special Events Application Review

Chief Bacidore explained the special events application draft document. Alderman Pezza asked if this would go along with her referral to review this as a budget item. Chief Ruth and Chief Bacidore stated that this is the first step of the review. Bram asked if recommended routes could be prepared as recommendations to organizations that approach the City for future events.

Item #6 Public Comments

None

Item #7 Other Business

Alderman Pezza asked if the new way to pick up children at the north side of York High School was safe. City staff was not involved in this and it is believed this was a school decision for the swim team only. Pezza will refer the resident that inquired to the school or athletic department for more information.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Submitted by James Kveton, Deputy Chief of Police

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