

Minutes of Committee
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Ride DuPage: Status Update
- 2) Police Department Vehicle Purchase
- 3) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Spencer, Marcucci

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Bacidore, Van De Walle, Panico

Guests: Jodi Hefler (Village of Glen Ellyn, Senior Services Coordinator) Mary Keating (Administrator of Community Development, DuPage County Community Service) Tony Debevetz

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

The Chairman advised he was changing the agenda order and the Committee would like to address agenda item #2 first.

2. Subsequent to a brief discussion in which Chief Neubauer responded to several questions, the Committee signed both reports.

1. Van De Wall introduced Hefler and Keating to the Committee and outlined the letter from the inter-agency Para transit Coordinating Council dated July 28, 2008. This letter was in response to the Committee's March 24, 2008 report recommending the council approve the implementation of the Ride DuPage program in place of the Elmhurst Taxi program. The Committee's report prohibited rides to Cook County except for medical reasons. The current Ride DuPage program does not include any geographical boundaries except to require all trips to either begin or end in DuPage County. Therefore the inter-agency Para transit Coordinating Council requests that the City of Elmhurst reconsider the boundary restrictions to keep with the principals of full mobility access. During the subsequent discussion, Keating and Hefler responded to the Committee's questions and provided an overview of how Naperville and Glen Ellyn, who they believe are comparable to Elmhurst, implemented and manage their Ride DuPage programs. The discussion focused on fair structure, ridership, and funding. Hefler advised the Committee that Glen Ellyn has participated in the Ride DuPage program for five (5) years and has revised the fair structure twice. The program does not subsidize trips to the airport and allows subscriptions (two or more scheduled rides per week to the same locations i.e. medical treatments). Subsequent to discussion, the Committee directed staff to review the Glen Ellyn and Naperville programs and draft a new report for the Committees review for the next meeting.

3. Other Business
 - a. Nybo requested the status of the traffic request regarding Eggleston and Berkley. Staff advised it is currently in the engineering phase of the process.
 - b. Bram requested the status of the parking request regarding Howard and Melrose. Staff advised it is currently in the engineering phase of the process.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief