

Minutes of Committee
Monday, October 22, 2007
7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Draft report: Van Auken Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Access to Crestview Park
- 2) Parking Restriction Request: Haven Road from First Street to Schiller Street
- 3) Discussion: Intergovernmental Agreement Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board and City of Elmhurst
- 4) Resolution: DuPage County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- 5) Other Business

Members Present: Bram, Nybo, Mulliner (part)

Elected Official Present: Clerk Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Panico, Novak, Borchert (part)

Guest: Leo Reedy

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

It should be noted that the agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate a guest (Reedy) who was present to address the Committee regarding Item 2.

- 2) The Committee reviewed the Staff report. Mr. Borchert addressed the Committee regarding the low resident response rate of only 31% to the city survey. Mr. Borchert advised without a resident consensus and no driving public safety issue, past practice has been to take no further action. Mr. Reedy then addressed the Committee speaking out in favor of the proposed parking restriction change. Further discussion involved a concern as to why there was such a low response, 31%, to the survey. Subsequent to this discussion, the Committee advised Mr. Reedy that he could coordinate with the home owner associations and other residents on the block and petition to gain a consensus and reach a majority then return to the Committee for further action.
- 3) Subsequent to the Committee reviewing the document and a brief discussion, the Committee recommended to move forward the resolution to the Council.
- 4) The Committee reviewed the executive summary. Battalion Chief Don Novak addressed and responded to the Committee's questions. Subsequent to discussion the Committee recommended it move forward to Council.

Other Business:

- 5a) Mr. Borchert addressed the Committee regarding a proposal to print a safety message on the back of the City vehicle Licenses for the upcoming year. The discussion focused on a traffic safety or traffic claming message. Spencer suggested "Safety Counts on You" as a possibility. Mr. Borchert advised the Committee, Staff would work on possibilities and ideas and submit them to the Committee for consideration at a future meeting.
- 5b) Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee regarding a status report on the rail road noise study. The City has contracted Dr. Beiter a licensed audiologist, to conduct the study. A date for the study has not yet been scheduled.
- 1) Subsequent to review of the draft report, Bram expressed concern that Mr. Coulter (Coulter Transportation Consulting, LLC) was not present to respond to the traffic study he conducted regarding this item. He was also concerned that the city had already stripped the roadway, as recommended in the traffic study, prior to Committee or Council direction. Bram advised that it appears the stripping has pushed traffic away from the curb as was the desired outcome. However, the stripping is only one (1) block north and south of the intersection of Van Auken and Crestview and it was suggested that it should go further. Bram also questioned the type and location of the stripping. Nybo suggested that this was the engineering department's expertise and should be left to them. Bram and Mulliner agreed. Nybo also suggested that Bram contact Coulter by phone rather than attend a meeting to address his questions. Bram advised he attempted to call Mr. Coulter on one occasion with

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negative results. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee decided that Bram will work with staff to reword the report and bring it back to Committee.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief