

Minutes of Committee
Tuesday, May 29th, 2007
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Liquor License Request: CVS Pharmacy
- 2) Report-Disposal of City Property at Auction
- 3) Continued Discussion: Van Auken Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Access Review
- 4) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Mayor Marcucci, Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Doherty, Bacidore, Panico, Lucchini, Keating

Guests: None

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Mayor Marcucci addressed the Committee and explained the liquor licensing and application process and the Liquor Commissioners role in the liquor licensing process. Representatives from the CVS Pharmacy were not able to be present therefore the item was tabled to a future date.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS continued:

2. Subsequent to a brief discussion, the Committee signed the report.
3. Mulliner began the discussion suggesting that a policy be established with set criteria for future requests regarding traffic calming measures. City Engineer Keating then addressed the Committee regarding recommendations and the Coulter Transportation Consulting Evaluation and Report. The discussion then focused on the standards regarding the width of a subdivision collector street. Bram advised that he conducted independent research and paced off the width of other subdivision collector streets in Elmhurst. He found that Van Auken was much wider than other similar subdivision collector streets. The discussion then focused on Staff's recommendation to stripe parking lanes on both sides of Van Auken Street to visually narrow the roadway, which is standard engineering practice. This recommendation was based on speed and traffic studies conducted. The results of those studies showed no excessive speeds or high number of traffic accidents that would support implementation of traffic calming measures. Bram expressed concern about the specific locations of the traffic counters and not providing accurate data. Keating explained the manner in which the counters were placed to avoid false or inaccurate readings. He also expressed concern for pedestrian safety due to Crestview Park located at the intersection of Crestview and Van Auken, that striping may not be adequate for a safe pedestrian walkway. Nybo pointed out that the traffic data collected did not support any traffic calming measures but Staff was offering to do more. Neubauer reported that in the past three (3) years, there were no accidents at the intersection of Van Auken and Crestview and only five (5) minor accidents the entire length of Van Auken. Mayor Marcucci pointed out that when residential area around Crestview Park was developed it was not within the City limits, it was incorporated later. Therefore, the width of the streets would not have been constructed to the City's standards. The discussion then focused on the City's long range street Resurfacing Plan. At the time Van Auken is scheduled, consideration could be given to making it narrower than it is at the present time. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to prepare a report to stripe Van Auken as recommended by Staff.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief