

Minutes of Committee
Monday, April 9, 2007
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Liquor License Request: CVS Pharmacy
- 2) Continued Discussion: Permit Parking request Collegeview Area
- 3) Draft Report: Traffic Control of Alley behind the 300 block of Michigan Ave.
- 4) Van Auken Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Access Review
- 5) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Jordan, Mulliner, (part) Bram

Elected Official Present: Marcucci, Spencer, Tranter (part)

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

Guests: Bri Hockman, Priscilla Burdy, Larry Cohen, Stan Brosinski,
Marguerite Tully, AJ Schmitz, Rosenberg Rich (part)

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- 1) Representatives from CVS Pharmacy: Cohen, Burdy, and Hodaman, were present to address and respond to the Committee's questions. The Committee expressed concern that the business plan did not provide a means by which to close off the packaged liquor section from the rest of the store during those hours when liquor sales would be prohibited by Ordinance. The CVS Pharmacy representatives advised the Committee the packaged liquor area would be designed and constructed in such a manner as to close it off and the business plan would be changed to reflect that. Mayor Marcucci then addressed the CVS Pharmacy representatives and the Committee regarding incidents in which CVS Pharmacy sold tobacco products to underage minors. The three (3) incidents occurred over the past several years during the course of routine tobacco sting operations conducted by the Police Department. Mayor Marcucci also advised of building code violations during the construction of the CVS Pharmacy. Due to these incidents, the Committee and Mayor expressed concern that CVS Pharmacy would take the responsibility of selling alcohol seriously. Subsequent to further discussion, CVS Pharmacy representatives will take the information back to CVS Corporate level to address the Committee's concerns. They will ask that the matter be brought back up before the Committee at a later date to be determined.

- 2) Tully, Schmitz, and Tranter were present to address and respond to the Committee's questions. Mulliner began the discussion by stressing the importance that school and City sanctions for prohibited parking be parallel to each other. Based on data provided by York High School, the sanctions for parking violations on school property are more severe, consequences of school discipline, then a parking ticket fine of \$25.00 for parking on the street. There was concern that this disparity would cause York students to choose parking on the street. Both Jordan and Bram agreed. The discussion then focused on the importance of having a school representative present to develop a comprehensive solution. Bram advised he personally contacted two of the communities surveyed who have resident parking permit systems. His research revealed that a resident parking permit system should be implemented as a last resort. He expressed concerns that such a system, if implemented, would grow beyond the City's resources to adequately administer and enforce, that more research into other alternatives be thoroughly explored and more information from the school is obtained. Jordan and Mulliner agreed.

The discussion then focused on a current residential permit program the City has administered for a number of years. This program is only for the two blocks that are adjacent to the hospital: Second Street and Elmhurst Ave. This program was put in place due to hospital employees parking on these streets. In the years since, the hospital has expanded on site parking and have implemented policy that levels sanctions if employees park there. The Collegeview area has a total of 34 residential blocks.

In recent years, very few permits have been given out to residents on those two streets, and in 2007, no permits have been requested or given out. Generally, parking enforcement on those two streets is complaint driven. There was also a question regarding resident parking permit signs at the condominium complex located on 135 South York Rd. It was pointed out that this is private property and the City does not administer nor enforce the permit program.

The discussion then focused on choosing three (3) parking restriction options provided by Staff for a survey to be distributed to residents in the Collegeview area. Subsequent to a lengthy discussion regarding the options and survey instrument, the Committee decided to hold off on the survey and directed Staff to invite Dr. L. Krizic, District 205 Superintendent, to the next meeting to discuss a comprehensive plan. Also, the Committee would like the school to know that Staff has invested a great deal of time and resources on this project to date, and to have Dr. Krizic respond to the following questions regarding students and Staff parking:

What parking options have been considered?

What has been implemented, or not implemented and why?

It should be noted that Alderman Mulliner had to leave the meeting during the aforementioned discussion due to an emergency.

- 3) Subsequent to reviewing the draft report, the Committee signed the report.
- 4) The Committee reviewed and discussed the Coulter Transportation Consulting report for Van Aukin traffic calming/pedestrian access. City Engineer Keating was present to address and respond to the Committee's questions. During subsequent discussion, each of the report's options were addressed. A recent traffic speed analysis conducted subsequent to the new stop sign being installed on Van Aukin did not identify a speeding problem. Bram reported receiving only a few resident complaints regarding speeding. Subsequent to discussion, the Committee directed Staff to do a cost analysis of each option cited in the report and report back to the Committee.
- 5) Other Business
 - a) Disposition of a Yield sign request at Crescent and Edgewood Ave: Chief Kopp advised the Committee that the engineering division performed an analysis and none of the required warrants were met.
 - b) Parking restrictions on Columbia Ave. from York St. to Kenilworth Ave: Chief Kopp advised the Committee that in response to a resident's request to modify parking restrictions, a survey polling residents on Columbia Ave. yielded only a 30% response rate. A 50% response rate is required; therefore, there is no clear consensus of the neighborhood to support changing current parking restrictions.
 - c) Deputy Chief Panico gave the Committee a status report of the Police Department's purchase of five (5) digital eye witness NXT wireless in-car video cameras and server the Committee approved in May 2006. Panico advised the NXT wireless in-car video cameras failed to perform to the quality standards set during the test and evaluation period. Kustom Signals Inc.'s technical support and City Staff worked to correct the quality problems for several months, but were unsuccessful. The cameras and other equipment were returned to the company and the City received a full refund for all credited/rebated equipment. Currently, the Police Department is investigating other vendors for in-car video cameras. It should be noted that the Police Department has done business with Kustom Signals, Inc., purchasing radars for speed enforcement and has not experienced quality problems with those products.

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The Committee was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief