

Minutes of Committee
Monday, January 26, 2009
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) York and Vallette Business Association- Farmers Market 2009
- 2) Update Traffic and Signage Issues
 - A. Berkley Corridor
 - B. Update: Misc. Traffic Issues from December 8, 2008 Committee meeting
 - C. Draft Reports
 - i. Parking Changes for Berkley Avenue and Randolph Street
 - ii. Eggleston Avenue Corridor – Yield Sign Requests
 - iii. Cottage Hill Ave – Church St to Elmwood Terrace Parking restrictions
- 3) Discussion: Establishing a “No-Idle” Reduction Policy and Program
- 4) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, and Nybo

Elected Official Present: Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Bacidore (part), Doherty (part), Mahoney, Borchert (part),
K. McGrew, B. Coulter (Transportation Engineer Consultant), Panico

Guest: Jason James

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Subsequent to brief discussion, the Committee signed the report.
2. **A. and B.** Nybo requested to defer these items for a month or two. This would allow him time to advise residents of City Engineering and Mr. Coulter's findings and recommendations regarding their concerns. Subsequent to discussion, these items were tabled to the February 23, 2009 meeting.

C. i - McGrew addressed the Committee providing an overview of the report and Mr. Coulter's findings. Subsequent to discussion, the Committee signed the report.

C. ii – Mulliner gave the floor to Bram who at the last meeting had questions about the criteria used in the intersection analysis and subsequent recommendations. Present at this meeting was City Engineer McGraw and City Consultant B. Coulter to respond to Bram's questions. Bram's primary concern was that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) warrants were not strictly met and that analysis criteria present in "ITE" journal, April 1995 titled "Warrants for Traffic Control Devices at Low-Volume Urban Intersections" was used. Further discussion focused on Mr. Coulter providing explanation on the formula standards and guidelines presented in the article and used to validate the intersections. Also, that part of the analysis involved engineering judgment. Both Mr. Borchert and City engineer McGrew supported Mr. Coulter's analysis and recommendations. Subsequent to further discussion, Bram declined to sign the report to allow further time to review the data provided. Mulliner and Nybo had previously signed the report to be placed on the Councils next consent agenda.

C. iii – Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee providing an overview of the report. In response to Nybo's question regarding the resident survey, McGrew advised she contacted one resident surveyed and clarified the proposed parking restriction. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee signed the report.

3. Mulliner opened the discussion by reviewing Alderman Leader and Rose's letter regarding a City initiative to reduce engine idling. During subsequent discussion, the Committee reviewed supplied materials and information including current Illinois law on 'excessive diesel idling'. This law allows for exceptions and constraints which render it unenforceable. The discussion then focused from the legislative to educational and voluntary compliance perspective. To increase public awareness, an article in the "Front Porch" was suggested. Also to work with the schools in this public education effort. There was a consensus of the Committee and Staff that each department would find ways to reduce unnecessary idling without adversely effecting safety and service. The Committee also felt to be consistent with the citywide effort towards "sustainability", the Sustainability Committee should consider the issue to involve the schools and community at large to enhance public awareness, education, and voluntary compliance.
4. None.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief