

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

October 2, 2007

Mr. Ellinger chaired the committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were in attendance.

I. Alternative Neighborhood Traffic Improvements

Brad Frazier, Traffic Engineering, did a Powerpoint presentation for the committee.

CM James asked how they will be able to proceed with a request from a neighborhood if the neighborhood can't come to an agreement as to what they want.

Mr. Frazier stated the neighborhood would need more time to come to a consensus as to what they want. He stated traffic engineering may get more involved to help them out. He stated the postcard will still be sent out.

CM James asked if traffic studies can be different.

Mr. Frazier stated they can be different. It all depends on what is asked for.

CM James asked if the side roads in the St. Anthony's area affect the main road.

Mr. Frazier stated they do look at the side roads.

CM James asked if it is necessary to have the signage completed before the 2010 Equestrian Games.

Mr. Frazier stated it is important and LFUCG is staying on top of it as to volume movements.

CM James asked if there are temporary speed humps.

Mr. Frazier stated there were temporary speed humps that were used on Southpoint. He stated there are modular ones that can be used but they do have problems with these.

CM James asked who pays for the signs.

Mr. Frazier stated the neighborhood would pay for part of the signs. He stated there is a split 20% for the neighborhood and 80% for the program itself.

CM James if the new signage is graffiti safe.

Mr. Frazier stated some of that is incorporated into the design.

CM James asked how long do rumble strips last.

Mr. Frazier stated usually 6 to 7 years.

CM Beard asked if Traffic Engineering ever initiates a request and enforces it if they see imminent danger.

Mr. Frazier stated they have made changes to things they have seen on roads such as striping, crosswalks and signage but not speed humps. He stated they do get police input.

CM Beard asked stop signs being obscured by trees.

Mr. Frazier stated if someone sees stop signs that are blocked by trees to either contact Traffic Engineering or Urban Forester.

CM Beard stated recently a multi way stop was put at Malabu Dr. and Bellefonte Dr. He asked if the cars that turn from Malabu onto Bellefonte get counted twice.

Mr. Frazier stated it would get counted twice because it would cross the count strip on Malabu and then cross the count strip onto Bellefonte.

CM Blues asked about temporary speed circles or traffic circles.

Mr. Frazier stated they can use temporary paint so neighborhoods can see if they will be satisfied with it or not.

CM DeCamp thanked Mr. Frazier for the report and for his quick response to the 3rd District neighborhoods requests. CM DeCamp asked about the standards and if there are any opportunities not to look at the standards and look at one as a traffic calming method.

Mr. Frazier stated they do look at the Federal Highway Administration standards. He stated there are things that Traffic Engineering looks at also not just only the volume.

CM Myers asked if the costs for rumble strips and speed tables are passed onto the neighborhoods.

Mr. Frazier stated the cost for rumble strips is not passed on but the cost for the speed tables would be passed onto the neighborhoods.

CM Myers asked how do we go about getting the driver feedback signs.

Mr. Frazier stated they are looking at getting four at this time and the bid should be coming before council.

CM McChord stated he would recommend Mr. Frazier pass out some of this information at the neighborhood summit on Saturday.

CM Crosbie asked how many radar speed trailers LFUCG has.

Mr. Frazier stated he is not for sure.

CM Moloney asked what can be done where apartment parking is overflowing over into the streets and taking up all the parking on streets.

Mr. Frazier stated there is a residential parking program.

CM James stated she will support funding requests for brochures to be passed out to neighborhoods once it is all complete.

CM Ellinger asked if they look at putting in bike paths on St Anthony's as well.

Mr. Frazier stated they can.

II. Block Party Permit Process

CM Moloney asked how the block party permitting process can be improved.

Jeff Neal, Traffic Engineering, explained the block party permitting process.

CM Moloney asked the police department about enforcing the noise ordinance during a block party.

Major Stanley stated the block party permit has nothing to do with the noise ordinance. He stated the noise ordinance would still be in effect. He stated they did have two calls regarding noise on the day in question and two calls regarding blocked cars.

Mr. Todd Strecker, President of Calumet Area Neighborhood Association addressed the committee regarding the block party on Devenport Drive near the intersection of Alexandria Drive.

CM Moloney stated policy and procedures need to be followed when issuing block party permits. He stated this has happened last year and he was against it then and now it has happened twice this year.

CM DeCamp asked how many block party permits have been given within the last year.

Mr. Neal stated FY07 is 17 permits.

A motion by CM DeCamp for the Chair to appoint a separate committee to look over the block party permitting process and how it can be improved to be brought back at the next meeting, seconded by CM Crosbie, passed without dissent.

CM Blevins stated they have had a similar event that is affects his district along with CM McChord's district. He requests the police department implement a brief training program at roll call for the officers.

Major Stanley stated he had already made a note of it and he is on it.

III. Meadowbrook Par 3 Golf Course Subcommittee Update

CM Beard gave an update on the subcommittee meeting. He stated the subcommittee met with Superintendent Stu Silberman. CM Beard stated FCPS has been approached by a party that is interested in purchasing the property. He stated there is no immediate urgency for the school board to act at this point. He stated it is currently zoned for recreational use. CM Beard stated the subcommittee intends on getting an appraisal. CM Beard stated they may have to ask for funds for the appraisal. He stated this area is roughly 25% of all the green space in the 4th district and is 27 acres that could create a city storm water problem. CM Beard stated the original amount was 800K and not 750K.

CM Ellinger asked for some information from the Law Department.

CM Blevins stated that Commissioner Askew stated in a previous meeting that the 750K is now off the table.

IV. Items in Committee

CM Ellinger passed the chair to CM Crosbie.

A motion by CM Ellinger for the Vice Mayor to appoint an ad hoc committee to look at affects of alcohol, awareness, education, the treatment, and the different costs associated with alcohol and how it affects local government/ public safety, seconded by CM Blues, passed without dissent.

CM Ellinger stated he would like for the Vice Mayor to appoint CM James as the chair of the ad hoc committee.

CM Beard stated he would like to see it include information regarding pre Sunday alcohol sales and post Sunday alcohol sales.

CM Crosbie passed the chair back to CM Ellinger.

A motion by CM Beard to remove the issue Honoring Employees Deceased or Disabled in the Line of Duty from committee since the city already does this, seconded by CM DeCamp, passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.