CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED February 22, 2010

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 25, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz and Smith. Alderman Murphy was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Public Safety Committee of October 28, 2009. Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of October 28, 2009 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. Alley parking on the property of 115-117 W. Blair, West Chicago. Nancy Mantz, property owner of 117 W. Blair Street, West Chicago has requested permission to park in the alley between 115-117 W. Blair Street. Mrs. Mantz informed the committee that she was given permission by a former Chief of Police to have her tenant's park in the alley. And explained that the alley is a barricaded area where there is no through traffic.

Chairmen Chassee explained that due to the city ordinance and the singular request and an exception for Mrs. Mantz would not be a possibility. City Council will not amend and approve an ordinance for a single resident which would be very problematic to near by residents and city. Another option the City Council would have to approve is permitting parking in all of the alleys in town.

Alderman Connelly and Fuesting agreed that this request could cause problems for Public Works when plowing snow or cleaning.

Alderman Smith expressed how the committee would not be able to make a singular exception because then it would have to be for the whole town and this would lead to not knowing how many people might be living in the residence.
Alderman Connelly suggested we follow the recommendation of staff and that is to follow the ordinance of "No Parking."

Chairmen Chassee informed the committee and Mrs. Mantz that the request made at the present time is not an exception that can be done.

4. Items for Consent.

None.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. 2010 Railroad Days Monthly Update-Mr. Sabathne, Executive Director of the West Chicago Chamber informed the committee that they currently putting all their plans together for the 2010 Railroad Days. They have sent out contracts for the event. The West Chicago Park District has offered to be a sponsor for the event and provide a second stage. The WC Park District would also like to do a baseball tournament. The amusement will be same as last year's event however the food and bands could be different. There will be updates on a monthly basis.

Mr. Sabathne would like to work directly with Carol LeBeau to make sure all liability policies and required documents have the correct verbiage. This would prevent loose ends before the event. LuAnn Bombard, Museum Director, did inform the committee that there will be a meeting with the West Chicago Chamber and Carol LeBeau with an outline on all necessary documents before the event.

6. Unfinished Business.

Chairmen Chassee informed the committee that a request has been sent in to review the street lighting on the western end of Main Street specifically in front of the funeral home where there is a very dark patch. This patch is extremely dark especially in the winter months when Tastee Freeze is not open and presents danger. Chairmen Chassee is requesting that the city is checking that the proper wattage is installed for that area to prevent any danger.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Traffic Management Report by Chief of Police. Chief of Police Goncher reported the Traffic Report for the month of January 2009.

Chairmen Chassee has pointed out to the committee that the intersections where the red light cameras are located have shown a decreased in incidents.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Connelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Fuesting. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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