

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED 8/31/09

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy.

Also in attendance were Alderman Pineda, Rosemary Mackey, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Luann Bombard, Museum Director and Mike Farrell, Todd Busted and Mary Lee Geraghty from ABD Cycle Club Bike Races.

Alderman Monroe was not present.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Public Safety Committee of May 26, 2009.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of May 26, 2009 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.**

None.

4. **Items for Consent.**

A. ABD Cycle Club Bike Races

Mary Lee Geraghty, Mike Ebert and Mike Farrell made a presentation of their club to the committee and their approach for permission from the City of West Chicago to use the City streets for the purpose of having two bike races. The ABD Club is an amateur event dedicated to promoting the sport of cycling and helping riders of all ages abilities become better riders. They are expecting a minimum of three hundred participants at the event. Crowd control will not be an issue since there will be volunteers from ABD Cycle Club

to control them. The event is scheduled for eight hours. What ABD Cycle is requesting is permission from the City of West Chicago to use the roads outlined in the map.

Chairmen Chassee asked Chief Goncher if roads would be closed for the cyclist to pass through, however Chief Goncher informed the committee and ABD Cycle Club that their has never been a bike race in West Chicago to compare. Chief Goncher has requested to have one officer on Roosevelt Road, one officer on Fabyan Parkway and another officer on the ATV to monitor the event. This would also be a cost for ABD Cycle Club of \$78 and some change per officer per hour.

Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and forward this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 09-R-0060 – Revision of Informational Sign Policy

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve and forward this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Noise Mitigation Program – Voluntary Mitigation Agreement the City signed with the Canadian National Railway Company indicates the West Chicago will be given \$250,000 to administer a fund that will allow property owners to make improvements to their homes to address any increase in noise from the additional train volumes on the EJ&E line.

Per City Administrator, Michael Guttman, interested residents must apply for the funds and may only apply one in the given year; the program is designed only for owners of single family houses; eligible improvements include upgrades to windows, sliding glass doors, entry doors, landscaping, insulation and central air conditioning; and the City should keep a recommended 10% of the funds to offset the costs.

Alderman Connelly asked how many residents were living in the area that would be eligible for this program. City Administrator, Michael Guttman explained that only single family homes would qualify for this program but didn't have an exact count of those homes. Owners will have to submit two estimates or if work has already been done then receipts will have to be submitted. The City will review applications and determine if the owner and the improvements meet eligibility and if there are sufficient funds to reimburse. Applications approved can start work on their home and once completed

homeowners must submit receipts and the City will reimburse 75% of the cost up to \$8,000.

City Administrator, Michael Guttman has asked for the feedback from the committee on the policy before presenting it to the City Council. Chairmen Chassee has requested that the proper advertisement and notifications be made for the people residing in those areas so that they can take advantage of this program.

6. Unfinished Business.

None.

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 July 2009.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Fuesting made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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