

Public Services Committee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2010

Chairman Kohlenberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members Present: Aldermen Kohlenberg, Miller and Hall

Staff Present: Mayor Daley, Kitsembel, Frye, Beguhn, Gallo, Lamp, Kelliher, Duffy, Bednarski and Coenen

Others Present: Alds. Morgan, Cochrane, Larsen and Slattery and Stan Sugden

2. Consider/recommend Sidewalk Extensions on Chaffee Road and Blain Street

Frye stated that this item was held over by the Committee until 6/1/10 in order for the Committee to hear concerns from the property owners who are affected by the proposed sidewalks. The property owners were invited to this meeting to express their concerns and opposition/support of the sidewalks. Frye then referred to his memo included in the packet and briefly went over the history of sidewalks in the City, the advantages of putting in the sidewalks while the State is doing street work, the cost savings to the property owner because of the 80% / 20% cost share with the DOT and the 10 yr. interest free assessment offered to the property owner. He further stated that the owners were notified in advance of the project and costs associated with their properties. Pictures were displayed on the screen of the Blain St/Chaffee Rd/Chestnut areas, existing sidewalks and the properties where the sidewalks are proposed while explaining all the facts. To address the Raul's driveway issue, a change to Chapter 7 of our code is being proposed that would allow a vehicle to be parked over the sidewalk and not be ticketed. He also stated that Chestnut was looked at as an alternate but there are elevation problems.

The property owners were invited to speak by the Committee. C. Rauls, 1033 W. Wisconsin Ave. is not opposed, but his understanding was that the sidewalk would not be as close to his fence. C. Woodard, 35 Blain St. is opposed. J. Christianson, 29 Blain St. is opposed.

Sugden stated that staff is following the Pedestrian and Bike Trail Plan adopted in 2006 to provide access to City parks and fill in gaps. He reiterated the financial savings to the property owners because of the DOT project and feels this is a good plan. The Committee discussed cost, safety issues and just doing the Blain St. sidewalk.

Motion by Hall to recommend sidewalk extensions on Chaffee Road and Blain Street; second by Miller. Motion carried 2-1. Kohlenberg voted no.

3. Consider/recommend Repealing §7.016(3) and §7.05 & Amending §7.03(8)(a)4. Relating to Parking

Frye reported that this ordinance change came about while working on this year's sidewalk infill. Staff became aware of issues with driveway depth and the ability to park a vehicle in the driveway without encroaching on the sidewalk. This change will also address future infill projects. Additionally, in reviewing Chapter 7 two other items were discovered that need amending. The first is the set speed limit on Lincoln Court. This can be repealed because Lincoln Court is no longer a City street. The second has to do with allowing the operation of motor vehicles in the alley between Chase Bank and May Garden Center. This can also be repealed because the alley is now a pedestrian way only.

Motion by Hall to recommend repealing §7.016(3) and §7.05 and amending §7.03(8)(a)4. relating to parking; second by Miller. Motion carried 2-1. Kohlenberg voted no.

Motion by Kohlenberg to adjourn; second by Hall. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes taken by
Diane Coenen, City Clerk
Ald. Larsen, Secretary