

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting, 3/11/13, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Michael Halley, Connie Boyer, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Kevin Flanagan, Darrel Bisgard, Scott Vaughan, Julie Harvey, Jeffrey Richard, Daryn Hamilton, Jason Jones, Rachel Jones, Todd Bloomquist, Angela Bloomquist, Cheryl Bailey, Thomas Gates, Shelia Clements, Justin Clements, Scott Clements, Gayle Gilpin

Points of discussion

Boyer and Halley gave a recap on the previous meeting when Southview Circle Parking was discussed. The residents of Southview Circle were sent letters to notify them of the meeting. Bisgard recommended eliminating parking on the East side of the street to keep consistency city wide. One resident reported that on a typical evening 16 cars are parked on the street. The Clements family reported that they had added some gravel parking on their lot and are parking their commercial vehicles elsewhere. The residents concurred that taking parking off one side of the street would be fine and most residents preferred parking on the West side. It was also suggested that the mailboxes all be moved to the East side of the street or to the first lot on the corner for ease of access by the postmistress. Residents will be informed by mail as to the final decision. Included in the letter will be information regarding how far a driveway can be from a property line, and contact information for a curb grinding contractor. Halley made a motion for no parking on the East side pending a review by Darrel as to which side allowed for the most parking. Boyer seconded, motion passed.

Boyer and Halley gave a recap on the previous discussions regarding the assumed over population of deer within the City. Bob Lyons attempted to do a deer count in his plane, but was not able to fly close enough to really get an accurate count. DNR can get a count by helicopter and will charge roughly \$200-\$300 for the service. Boyer stated that there may be a grant available to help with the cost. Greg Harris is the DNR contact that Boyer has spoken to in the in past about a comprehensive study. Hamilton stated that hunters are no longer hunting deer in Jefferson County Park because they have migrated to "safe zones" in other parts of the city. Boyer will explore more specific time frames and requirements for bow hunting within city limits and bring suggestions back to the committee later this year to prepare for the fall hunting season of 2013. Flanagan will draft an ordinance to prohibit the feeding of deer within the city limits to present at the next meeting.

Mark Cutter contacted Boyer, Halley and Revolinski via email regarding engine braking within the city limits. He asked that the City "pick up a ball that was dropped 10 years ago" and pass an ordinance that prohibits braking within the city limits. Discussion with Hamilton and Harvey surrounded the reality of enforcing an engine brake ordinance. Halley suggested that we explore the matter further and take no action at this time.

Mark Cutter contacted Boyer, Halley and Revolinski via email regarding the speed limit by MUM. He would like to see it reduced from 45 MPH. Hamilton weighed in on this issue and reminded the committee that the City is not responsible for setting the speed limit on Hwy 1, and therefore could not make that change. The DOT is responsible for setting the speed limit based on studies they conduct regarding the average speed, etc. No action taken at this time.

John Maguire had contacted Boyer and Flanagan regarding a flashing trail light on Gear Avenue that is resulting in light pollution. Flanagan has been discussing the issue and troubleshooting solutions with Maguire. Flanagan will continue to work with Maguire to find a solution and report back to the committee once a conclusion has been reached. No action taken at this time.

Recommendations/Actions

Committee will recommend that council adopt an ordinance or amendment to a current ordinance regarding no parking on the East side of Southview Circle.

1. Once the ordinance regarding Southview is approved, Flanagan will send a letter to the residents.
2. Committee will recommend that council adopt an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer within the city limits.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ledger-Kalen