

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting, 4/3/13, 7 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Michael Halley, Connie Boyer, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Kevin Flanagan, Darrel Bisgard, Julie Harvey, Daryn Hamilton, Kim Welch, James Moore, Tammy Jones, Alissa Doyle Ward, Paul Glossop, Ray Mottet

Points of discussion

Carl Wonneman brought to the committees attention that there are currently not any parking signs on the South side of Broadway between Main and Court. He has parked overnight on the South Side of Broadway and received 2 parking tickets. He thought it was confusing and suggested that we put signage in place. The committee was in agreement that signage should be added, but would like to work with the Beautification Committee to select signage that compliments the previous downtown beautification efforts. The committee also discussed the increased potential need for overnight parking in the downtown district in the future as more buildings downtown are being remodeled to include apartments. Halley motioned to review all signage in the downtown district to ensure that there are no other areas where signs are missing and work with the Beautification Committee on selecting sign bases for the signs around the square. Boyer seconded. Motion carried.

Tammy Jones from the Executive Committee for RAGBRAI presented the committee with a map and proposal for closing down the following streets from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the 26th of July, 2013.

- 1 Broadway from 2nd to B
- 2 Main from Burlington to Briggs
- 3 Burlington from Main to B
- 4 Court from Burlington to B

Steve Winslow reported that In 1997 when RAGBRAI was last in town, the power requirements were different and did not have to be metered. Alliant now requires that all power be metered. Currently the only location to install a temporary pole is in the gravel lot behind ERA, Fairfield Real Estate. Tammy Jones would like to put all the vendors in the block of Burlington between Main and Court for ease of access to the power. Boyer made a motion that the City close all streets as proposed. Halley seconded. Motion carried.

James Moore presented the committee with a proposal to close Main Street from the North side of Broadway to the South side of Hempstead for Fairfest for the dates of June 21st 6 a.m. - June 22nd, 2013 11 p.m.. Fairfest is a new event that will be a 4-day Festival with Music, Food and a Sustainability focus. The committee discussed the concern of closing the street in front of the retail businesses and restaurants in the block of Main between Broadway and Briggs. Boyer suggested an alternative of closing the block of Briggs between Main and Court. James Moore felt that he would rather keep it in front of the businesses. He will check with the businesses before the regular council meeting on the 8th and get their blessing to present to the council. Flanagan expressed the importance of these kind of events and the tourism revenue that the events bring to the City. Boyer made a motion to approve the street closing with the merchants blessing. Halley seconded. Motion carried.

Bisgard presented the committee with some suggestions on excess signage that could be removed to reduce the maintenance costs for signage. His suggestion was to limit the speed limit signs except for where the speed changes. (See attached list of proposed signs to eliminate.) Halley expressed the importance of notifying the citizens and reminding them of the speed limit throughout the city in the absence of the additional/unneeded signs. Boyer made a motion to accept Bisgards recommendations. Halley seconded. Motion carried.

**Recommendations/Actions**

- 1 Public Works will work with the Beautification Committee and install signage around the square and the downtown district.
- 2 Committee will recommend that council approve the street closures for RAGBRAI for July 26th, 2013.
- 3 Committee will recommend that council approve the street closures for Fairfest for June 21st - June 22nd, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ledger-Kalen.