

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting, 8/5/13, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Connie Boyer, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Kevin Flanagan, Shelia Clements, Jennifer Clements, Jeff Richard, Kandy Richard, Jonquil Kessel, Kathy Kessel, Julie Harvey, Darrel Bisgard, Scott Vaughn

Points of discussion

Scott Clements requested a handicap parking space in front of his house at the June 3rd Public Safety Meeting. His daughter Jessica's care providers need to have a place to drop her off then park while they are providing services. There are two other residents on the street with handicap placards that were notified by letter of the meeting in the essence of fairness to determine if they are interested in a handicap parking space. There was discussion between the residents at the meeting, with the majority in attendance opposed to a dedicated handicap parking spot because of the soon to be reduced parking on the street. Kevin will refer to our city attorney for advice on the handicap parking space consideration for public areas and will report back. Committee members will also go to Southview Circle and visually review the request. No action was taken at this time.

Deb Sirdoreus requested a street light to be put on a utility pole on 27th St to the East of a commercial building that she leases. She has had some break-in attempts and wants to illuminate the building more in an attempt to discourage this activity. The committee was in agreement that this was more of a private issue. The committee will recommend that she ask the owner of the building to install security lights. No action was taken.

A resident had requested that we evaluate handicap parking on the South side of the square on Burlington Avenue. Currently there are no handicap parking spots. The committee will review this issue further. No action was taken.

Kathy Kessel made an inquiry regarding the long term parking spaces in the municipal parking lot North of the VFW. She wanted the city to add a long term space in that lot. After discussion of the parking shortage downtown, the committee and Kessel decided against adding a spot in the lot.

An out of town guest that visited Fairfield for RAGBRAI brought to the committee's attention that there was not a hospital sign on Burlington. Darrell will contact the hospital to coordinate getting a sign added to Burlington. No action needed.

A resident that lives on Iowa Avenue brought to the attention of the council that there has been speeding that has occurred on Iowa Avenue between Main and 2nd St. She was concerned about the safety of the children that live on the block. She was requested stop signs in place of yield signs, a 15 mph speed limit, and children at play signs. Julie Harvey will put more patrols in the area to watch for the speeding vehicles. No other action will be taken at this time.

Recommendations/Actions

- None

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ledger-Kalen.