

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting, 11/4/13, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Connie Boyer, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Michael Halley, Julie Harvey, Darrel Bisgard, David Thebodo, Nikki Weaver, Kevin Flanagan

#### Points of discussion

The committee reviewed the revised Deer Ordinance. Item #4 had been added stating *“City Park and Recreation Department shall close any City park area designated for such trial hunt(s), i.e., the dog park, O.B. Nelson.”* There were discussions both for and against the hunt. Committee members also briefly reviewed the Deer Management Plan adopted by Iowa City. More review will be done after the trial hunt is complete and long term goals can be set. The committee will also review ideas for a population study after the trial hunt. Nikki Weaver will create an education piece regarding alternative methods for deterring deer that will go as an insert in the water bill to help inform the public. Boyer made a motion to add to the ordinance language to reflect a requirement to cover deer when transporting them within the city limits. Halley seconded, motion carried.

Ledger-Kalen had met with Chris Estle with Public Health regarding the details of the CTG funds and reported on the meeting. Flanagan will attempt to procure private funds to help fund the project proposed at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> and Burlington and get a more detailed cost estimate and time frame for the project. More details will follow in the coming months.

A downtown resident had requested that parking around the square be allowed overnight. The committee unanimously decided not to explore this option further. The resident that requested this allowance was not present at the meeting.

Conversation regarding adopting a social host ordinance has been tabled until the December meeting after the committee has had a chance to review the ordinance adopted by the county.

Fire Chief Vaughn brought to the committee’s attention that in the event of a fire there was not enough room to park and navigate the fire trucks in front of the library. His suggestion was that a fire zone be established in the front of the building which would eliminate 3 parking spaces. Flanagan will discuss this plan with the Library Board before their next meeting. Halley made a motion to create a fire zone in front of the library. Boyer seconded, motion carried.

Ledger-Kalen reported that she will serve as liaison on the Employee Safety Committee and will be helping to implement safety policies for city employees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

#### Recommendations/Actions

- Recommendation to Council to revise the Deer Ordinance.
- Recommendation to Council to create a fire zone in front of the library building.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ledger-Kalen.