



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, May 16, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Vice Chair- excused
Council Member Adam Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Joseph Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Rachel White

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

DISCUSSION: Walnut Park LPD Sub Station Update

Mr. Abood informed the Committee that the meeting that was scheduled had to be canceled and there is no new date, because Mr. Whitsett was out of town. Council Member Wood rescheduled an update for June 6, 2019 and asked Mr. Abood to update Council Staff on if the meeting has occurred, and if not then the LPD Chief will be invited to the June 6, 2019 meeting.

DISCUSSION: 3801 Walton Update

Mr. Abood stated the OCA has a meeting scheduled for the week of May 20, 2019 with Mr. Kruger and Council Member Garza will again be invited. They have also included the Community Policing Officer and Council Member Wood asked that the OCA update Council Staff on the date and time so that one member of this Committee can also attend.

DISCUSSION: Logan Square Update

Mr. Abood confirmed they have not had to have any contact with the new ownership and he spoke to LPD and the LFD Fire Marshall and they have no new complaints or new issues. Council Member Wood questioned a perceived gambling establishment on site, and Council

Member Hussain confirmed one was shut down and the “perceived” one is located in the back corner of the plaza, he referred to as an Asian gambling club. Mr. Abood clarified that when he asked the LPD Chief if there was any information he could share in an open meeting that detail was not mentioned. Mr. Abood was asked to follow up with LPD on the situation and if there is an investigation and if there is a need for confidentially the Chief can speak individually with each Member or go into closed session. Mr. Abood then confirmed that when asked, the Fire Marshall told him Logan Square was in compliance. Council Member Wood asked him to follow up with Zoning on the parking lot maintenance, lighting, and signage for the site and units.

DISCUSSION: Pleasant Grove/Holmes Update

Mr. Abood informed the Committee that after speaking to LPD and LFD there are no new complaints, no new incidents specific to that site and OCA is maintaining a zero tolerance and have no incidents they are prosecuting. It was noted there are incidents in the area, but nothing at this corner. He added that he received an email from the Fire Marshall stating they too have no issues and they are in compliance. Mr. Abood pointed out he asked LPD if the store was still selling cups of ice, but he did not receive a response on that question.

The Committee went through the communications from 2018 including the Agreement Results from October 30, 2018, exchange with Council Staff on November 7, 2018 along with emails from LPD on the same date. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Abood to confirm that the cameras were installed the store, in addition to if the pot holes were filled in the parking lot. Ms. White confirmed the pot holes were filled. She added that in her exchange with the store owners, they intended to mill and recap the parking lot after SWAG finished with their work on their portion of the property. Council Member Wood then asked Mr. Abood to also confirm that no trespassing letters and no loitering letters were on record and also to inquire into the concrete barrier conversion to bollards was intended as part of the property rehabilitation.

The Committee then discussed other nuisances on the property such as how they owners run the business, visible parties between two businesses, Ms. White’s concern on smoking marihuana in vehicles on the property and her concerns with a homeless gentleman who she does have a trespass order against. Mr. Abood stated he would speak to the LPD and his medical marihuana experts on the smoking or self-medicating in the vehicles and the alcohol consumption between the businesses. Regarding the homeless gentleman, Council Member Wood asked Mr. Abood if the other businesses also have to get no trespassing orders against him to keep him off the site all together, and Mr. Abood outlined the processes they would have to take since each property on the corner is individually owned and the control is only where the trespass order is, which in this case only on Ms. White property. Council Member Wood encouraged a conversation with Mr. Singh of the party store and since he claimed he has turned in a no loitering letter to add this homeless gentleman to the letter.

The group concluded the discussion by speaking to the fluctuation in LPD on the site, the potential of the BBQ sales in the coming summer, and Ms. White inquired into what the community can do. Council Member Wood pointed out to Ms. White that the City has been “chipping” away at this site for years with the assistance of LPD, LFD and building safety, however the City has no force in requiring them to address their clientele. She concluded her statement by saying that according to the City Attorney at some point with information from every party, they could seek to file a nuisance complaint.

Regarding the parking ordinance project, Mr. Abood stated he intends to meet with Public Service and the effected departments to make sure they are all on board with the intent and writing of the ordinance and will be prepared at the June 6, 2019 meeting.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved as presented: June 6, 2019