

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 24, 2014**

PRESENT: Joseph Marchese - Chairperson, Alderman Tina Beilke, Alderman Joerg Seifert, Michael Griffith, Senior Planner, Dan Gombac – Director

ABSENT: None

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chairperson Marchese called the meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present,

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance - Marketplace at Darien PUD, 75th Street and Lyman Avenue: Petitioner requests approval of a minor PUD amendment to allow a second ground sign.

Mr. Michael Griffith, Senior Planner reported that there is currently a sign on the property on the northeast corner at 120 square feet and 16 feet tall. He reported that a minor amendment was approved in 2008 for that the sign. He further reported that the petitioner is coming back to ask for a sign on the west side of the property.

Alderman Beilke questioned the distance between the two signs.

Mr. Griffith stated that the signs are several hundred feet from each other. He further stated that the signs are located at the far northeast corner of the property and far west end of the property.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the sign will capture eastbound traffic. He stated that from a marketing standpoint it is a good idea.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Seifert made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Beilke that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval of the Marketplace at Darien PUD, 75th Street and Lyman Avenue to allow a second ground sign.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

Chairperson Marchese reported that this will be placed on the City Council consent agenda.

B. Discussion - Hinsdale South Parking Survey Updated

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the Committee with an update regarding the overflow parking on adjacent neighborhood streets during special events held by Hinsdale South High

School. He reported that staff sent out a revised survey in mid-February to the same residents and 16 surveys were returned. He stated that there was really no consensus but that the residents want police enforcement.

Alderman Beilke stated there was a better survey response second time.

Mr. Gombac stated that the turnout may have been better due to self-addressed postage included envelopes were included.

Alderman Beilke stated that she liked the resident comment regarding taking over the lot at Eleanor and Elm. She stated that the lot is too far from the school.

Mr. Gombac stated that he approached the school about building a parking lot but there is a flood plain and flood way throughout the properties. He stated that whatever is built the school would have to build parking above the flood elevations at the schools expense or take the risk of parking in an area prone to flooding.

Alderman Beilke stated that there is parking available near the football field but no one wants to park there so they will not park in a satellite parking lot.

Alderman Beilke stated that there is one resident in particular on Evans that calls the most. She stated that she liked the permit parking and parking on one side of the street.

Alderman Seifert stated that it appears that most people just don't care. He suggested putting it back in their lap to come up with a consensus and bring it back to us.

Alderman Beilke asked if the City could go ahead and do something.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff feels the permit sticker is the most viable option. He stated that if the City designates parking on one side of the roadway, the residents effected may not agree with the decision.

Chairperson Marchese questioned when the problem is the worst.

Alderman Beilke stated that there are parking issues when there are major school wide events. She stated that the times are all over the board.

Alderman Seifert suggested changing the current sign to read no parking during school hours or event parking.

Mr. Gombac stated that if residents have company they will have to call into the police department.

Alderman Beilke stated that the residents will have to self-enforce the area as well.

Mr. Gombac suggested coming back with a sample of the sign. He stated that staff would use the existing sign poles and additional as required.

Mr. Griffith suggested giving the residents a permit to put in the window.

Alderman Seifert stated that he would prefer not to use the permit system.

Chairperson Marchese stated that residents are going to have to contact the police to call in their company. He suggested that staff work on the signage and a draft letter notifying the residents of the signs to the next meeting.

The Committee concurred with Staff to review the signage and provide an update for the next Municipal Services Committee meeting.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

C. Minutes – February 24, 2014 Municipal Services Committee

Alderman Beilke made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the February 24, 2014 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that staff is going to start including a report regarding the 75th Street construction attached to the development updates.

Mr. Gombac reported that there were two Intergovernmental Agreements with the County that were not placed on the agenda and that staff is still working with the County to work out details and then they will be placed on next agenda.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairperson Marchese announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Seifert made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Beilke to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Marchese
Chairman

Tina Beilke
Alderman

Joerg Seifert
Alderman