

City of Broadview Heights

SERVICE/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2023

Mr. Wolf called the **SERVICE/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING** to order at 6:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
Mr. Glenn Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)

COUNCILOR ABSENT: Ms. Jennifer Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)
Chief Steven Raiff (Police Chief)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER ABSENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)
Mrs. Kathy Parsson (Human Services Director)
Mr. Dave Pfaff (Finance Director)
Mr. Joe Mandato (Chief Building Official)
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)
Ms. Amanda Hutcheson (Parks and Recreation Director)

GUEST: Mr. Andy Gray with MPG Architects for Fleet Team

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fleet Team Phase 1

Mr. Wolf stated that today we are going to look at the site plan and the demolition site.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is a project that we are all excited about. We have been working with Fleet Team for over a year. It is exciting to see this come to fruition. This is the old Vatterot College building that they are looking to renovate. Tonight is Phase 1 only. They have plans for Phase 2 at a future date. The main access to the building will be through an access easement off of

Treeworth in front of Get Go and Wild Eagle which will access the site. His understanding is that Fleet Team will install a gate as soon as they occupy the building to limit the amount of traffic overflow from Wild Eagle. In addition they will utilize the back road once that is fully constructed. We are working on coordinating efforts with them so as they plan their expansion we would coordinate the road construction. They have provided a retention pond on site. They have a couple of other elements to the site itself. The site isn't changing in terms of the overall dynamics of it. They are planning for a huge upgrade of the building esthetics. They are adding some parking and landscaping as well. There is an existing fire hydrant on site and they will utilize that and he believes that the building is sprinkled.

Mr. Gray stated that the building is sprinkled but one clarification, the fire hydrant is in the existing parking lot and they will have to move it but it will be in a similar location. He thinks that the goal would be to put it right at the island. This would move it closer to the building but only about 5'-8' from where it is now.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that the building has full sanitary service and full other utilities. It is a very straightforward site and he would recommend approval here tonight.

Mr. Wolf asked police and fire if there is any concern about the trees that will be separating them from Wild Eagle. Will they be able to get around them if needed?

Mr. Yelenosky stated that they were over there yesterday and what they are trying to do is provide a nice buffer between the restaurant and their office building. That entrance will pretty much stay the same and there shouldn't be any conflicts with coming and going from a Fire Department perspective.

Mr. Stelmaschuk asked when the renovated building going to be completed.

Mr. Gray stated that they are looking towards the middle of next summer. They are currently working on the construction drawings and they are 50-60% of the way through that. They hope that in the next couple of months they will be submitting for a permit and start construction.

Mr. Stelmaschuk asked if the road will be in by that time.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that the road will not be in at that time. We are working with Fleet Team so that it will be designed accordingly. Ideally what would happen is that they would merge that into Phase 2 and use that as a construction entrance as we develop that roadway. They are still working on the details.

Mr. Gray stated that it will be a construction entrance until that is finalized and they pave the road.

Mr. Price stated that something about the automatic gate.

Mr. Gray stated that currently there is just a chain link fence but they are going to put in an automated gate which will only be available to a select few employees that may take that route on occasion because the executive suites are on that side of the building. It is not something that they will see being used very often. It will be an aluminum gate with a card access and they will provide a knock box to give the police and fire access.

Mr. Price asked Chief Hajek about the western and northern side of the building has limited access. Does the equipment that we have reach it?

Chief Hajek stated that it is an existing building so they have always had that access to that building and on top of that it is sprinklered and there is a hydrant so they will access where needed. If it was a brand new building it might be something different but as far as that goes the access around it has been fine.

Mr. Stelmaschuk moved Service and Safety approval on Phase 1 and to send it to Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes. The motion is approved. This now goes to Planning Commission.

2. Mill Road Traffic Study

Mr. Wolf stated that this was done in conjunction with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools and the City of Brecksville.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that the city schools and the City of Brecksville reached out to us after there were some concerns with the traffic flow at the schools on Mill Road. We thought that it would be a good idea to undertake the study with them. He does not have the City of Brecksville or the schools results today. He does have ours and we can go through the recommendations from the study.

Mr. Wolf stated that the overview from what he read is that they are basically approving the bridge expansion on Wallings over I-77 and the Mill Road work that is coming next summer.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that was really the biggest item. He knows that Mr. Wolf read through the report and he noticed some of the other things but it was more the striping and signage improvements.

Mr. Wolf stated additionally the crosswalks which will be great since people have been asking for those.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this will also minimize the confusion if it is a 4-way stop to put that signage and not just a stop sign. The big items were the improvements to Wallings Road, Mill Road and West Mill as well. That is what the report boils down to .

Mr. Wolf asked if there were any major things that we are looking at that are going to cost money outside of the project that we already anticipate.

Mr. Yelenosky stated no. The Service Department is going to handle the striping and the signage and then with Wallings Road, we will have the under construction early next year. Everything that the report recommended, we will be doing. He did try to reach out to the schools as well as the City of Brecksville to see if there were any recommendations that they had. He thinks that internally the schools have had some discussions on how to operate that but he doesn't know the details of those reports.

Mr. Wolf stated that it will be interesting to see because where the holdup is at the school and getting around the school and it backs up all the way up Mill Road and Lacy Lane and up to Wallings Road.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that it is a domino affect.

Mr. Pavlica stated that the crosswalks are going to be at the intersections of Wallings Road and West Mill, correct.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that the crosswalks for this study did include that one as well as the ones near the school as well as the Lacy Lane area.

Mr. Pavlica stated that at Wallings and Mill Road there aren't any sidewalks there.

Mr. Yelenosky stated not on that side. There will be at West Mill.

Mr. Goodwin stated that those crosswalks in front of the schools, he knows that people for many years have been asking for those. Can we expedite those?

Mr. Yelenosky stated absolutely.

Mr. Goodwin stated that it is such a tough safety issue.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that those items we consider low hanging fruits so most definitely we can get those done sooner than later.

Mr. Pavlica moved to remove this from their agenda but to bring it back in January for an update; seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Roll Call: Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr.

Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Goodwin, yes. Motion approved. This will be back on the agenda in January.

3. Speed Watches

Mr. Wolf stated this came from the Rules, Ordinance and Franchise Committee. These were either permanent or mobile signs to count the speed and the traffic and the time of day so that they can get statistics on certain streets and also to use that data to determine if there is a trend.

Chief Raiff stated that our traffic trailer has been pretty accurate. He talked to Mr. Pfaff as they were setting up their budget for 2024 and it will either come out of his budget or Service Department has a budget for signs where they talked about purchasing a couple of them. Richfield and Brunswick have them. They are the smaller ones that mount just below the speed limit signs. He doesn't know if they will give them any different results than the traffic trailer has but it can't hurt.

Mr. Wolf stated that he was thinking that if we get the covert checking and get what the trends are. Chief Raiff has all kinds of data.

Chief Raiff stated that they haven't put out just the speed strips out in a long time. He can get those working again and put them out on those streets. It really wasn't much different than the traffic trailer data. He sent all the numbers which were between 25-27 mph and 35 is at the 85th percentile which they always have the outliers but it is not horrible.

Mr. Wolf stated that he was looking at the perspective of doing the covert and then putting out the visual sign and then after take the visual sign away and then go covert again and then see if that really did permanently reduce the speed or was it just during the time that they could see it. He thinks that they may see some kind of trend there.

Chief Raiff stated that if they get those new signs they will install them and he will put the strips out too.

Mr. Boldt stated that he sees that they put the speed trailer on Prell. He also knows that a lot of people use Edgerton to get to Strongsville and back. He was wondering if the Chief could put the speed trailer on Edgerton road for a week on Edgerton Road right before the bend as they come into Broadview Heights. They have plenty of speed coming from State Road heading east.

Chief Raiff stated that he will have it moved there. They were going to move it onto Broadview Road temporarily just to make people aware of the speed limit change.

Mr. Wolf asked if there is some kind of criteria as to where these signs will be placed.

Chief Raiff stated that there is no doubt that one is going to go on Richard Road which has been one of the areas of biggest complaints. He will just look at where but the northbound cut through streets are the biggest complaints. Countryside used to be one of them but that has cut down quite a bit. The biggest are Elmhurst, Longview and McCreary and he will look at who had the highest average. We can move them because they don't have to be permanent.

Mr. Goodwin stated to not forget about Royalwood Road.

Mr. Wolf asked how many are we getting.

Chief Raiff stated three. This will be in their 2024 budget so they would look to purchase them at that time.

Mr. Wolf stated that they can revisit this in the Spring.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None this evening.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wolf stated with no further business to bring before the committee, this meeting is adjourned.

The time was 6:49 p.m.



HELEN DUNLAP, CLERK OF COUNCIL



ROBERT BOLDT, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL