

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2010**

1. Call to Order

Alderman Galan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall. Committee members in attendance:

Alderman John Poteraske, Chairman McIvor was absent from the meeting.

Staff members in attendance: Chief of Police Robert Pavelchik, Deputy Chief David Skala, Deputy Chief Cooper and City Administrator Bryon Vana

Elected Officials in attendance: Mayor Kathleen Weaver and City Treasurer Michael Coren

Guest/Residents in attendance:

John Ferraro, DU-COMM

Brian Tegtmeyer, DU-COMM

Karen Novac, 835 Saylor, Elmhurst

Emil Novac, 835 Saylor, Elmhurst

Brian Silanskis, 7753 Brunswick Rd., Darien

Brooke Silanskis, 7753 Brunswick Rd., Darien

Catherine Scheck, 8128 Fairmount Ave, Downers Grove

Kim Krause, 7623 Wilton, Darien

Corinna Ortiz, 7628 Wilton Ct., Darien

Bob Erickson, 7737 Brunswick Rd., Darien

Tom & Joanne Masek, 7129 Wirth, Darien

Paul Kobleski, 2233 Green Valley Rd., Darien

Diane Daly, Darien Area Dispatch Center

Michael Drelich, 7209 Wirth Dr., Darien

Joe Rabig, 7759 Brompton Dr., Darien

Dina Panos, Darien Area Dispatch Center

Kathleen Weaver, 1112 Foxtail Ct., Darien

Scott Solderstrom, 1901 Manning Rd., Darien

Michael Colen, 2980 Meadow Ct., Darien

Colleen Quigley, Darien Area Dispatch Center

Felix Mozockie, 8536 Meadow Lane, Darien

Kristina Oldracek, 7540 Wilton Rd., Darien

Alice Mosbach, 7769 Brompton Dr.

Kevin Monahan, 7509 Norman Drive, Darien

2. Approval of Minutes

Alderman John Poteraske made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2010 meeting; the motion was seconded by Alderman John Galan and approved by a voice vote of two ayes.

3. Communications

**Communications Items were discussed between Items 4a and 4b. The only communication item was an e-mail from Mr. Will Repole regarding the Manning and Fairview stop sign issue (Item 4b).

4. Old Business (The Committee reviewed Item 4b ahead of Item 4a to accommodate the residents present)

b. Crosswalk Installation Manning and Fairview

Chief Pavelchik introduced the Committee to a request from residents for a crosswalk and/or three-way stop intersection at Manning and Fairview. Administrator Vana informed the Council that the police staff provided three recommendations in the agenda memo, but did not pick one over the others. Alderman Galan read an e-mail from Mr. Will Repole of Dickens Circle who was against the three-way stop sign.

The Committee heard from residents:

1. Mr. Scott Solderstrom, 1901 Manning Rd. Mr. Solderstrom is an engineer for the IL Department of Transportation and he quoted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in support of the three-way stop intersection.
2. Felix Mozockie, 8536 Meadow Lane, Darien, thought that the intersection is fine the way it is, no need for a new sign.
3. Brooke Silanskis, 7753 Brunswick, Darien, spoke in favor of three-way stop intersection adding that it is tough to cross the street.
4. Paul Kobleski, 2233 Green Valley Road, Darien, spoke against the signage, thought that all drivers using Manning Rd. should be contacted about this issue, complained that the stop sign will cause pollution issues.
5. Alice Mosbach, 7769 Brompton, Darien, indicated that it is difficult to cross the street and that visibility is an issue.
6. Kim Krause, 7623 Wilton, Darien, spoke in favor of three-way stop sign and was concerned about previous crashes at the intersection. Crossing Manning Rd. is her main concern.
7. Catherine Scheck, 8128 Fairmount, Downers Grove, spoke as a regular bike user of the roadway and stated it is difficult to cross Manning Road to get to the bike trail.
8. Joe Rabig, 7759 Brompton, Darien, spoke in favor of the sign as crossing Manning Rd. is a safety issue.
9. Bob Erickson, 7737 Brunswick Rd., Darien, in favor of the three-way stop as a public safety issue, mentioned trimming the trees in the area to accommodate the signage, and wants the Council to follow the traffic engineer's recommendation.
10. Brian Silanskas, 7753 Brunswick, Darien, in favor of the stop sign and opined that stopping on a 25 mph street is not a big deal.

Alderman Poterasko did not provide an opinion on this issue. Alderman Galan indicated that the total cost for the sidewalk, striping, stop signs and tree trimming will be about \$5,000. He also indicated that the traffic consultant previously recommended this all-way stop intersection, but the recommendation was rejected by the City Council. Alderman Galan

distributed a copy of an aerial photograph that had been provided by the Municipal Services Department.

Mr. Joe Rabig commented that the crossing and stop sign will be close to a curve on Manning Road.

Administrator Vana informed the Committee that if this recommendation is approved by the full City Council, the job can be done before winter.

Motion by Alderman Galan, second by Alderman Poteraske to recommend City Council approval of an Ordinance that will legislate a three-way stop intersection with a marked crossing and sidewalk access at the intersection of Manning Road and Fairview Avenue. Motion approved by voice vote, two ayes.

****Communications Item 3 was discussed at this point in the meeting****

a. Dispatch Services – DU-COMM

Chief Pavelchik informed the Committee that research on potential dispatch consolidation has brought a proposal from DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) to provide emergency dispatch services to the City of Darien at a savings of approximately \$160,000 to the City. DU-COMM Executive Director Brian Tegtmeyer made a presentation about DU-COMM for the Committee and fielded their questions. Alderman Poteraske was very concerned that the cost DU-COMM represented today might drastically increase in the future and he wanted assurances from Mr. Tegtmeyer about those increases. Alderman Galan asked Mr. Tegtmeyer about potential employment for Darien employees at DU-COMM. Mr. Tegtmeyer indicated that displaced Darien dispatchers (and other dispatchers from new member agencies) would be given preference in employment over non-displaced applicants. He also added that all potential employees must apply and will be subject to DU-COMM's testing and hiring procedures.

Resident Michael Drelich, 7209 Wirth Dr., Darien, questioned whether or not a center like DU-COMM could be overwhelmed by calls as he observed in some hurricane prone areas. Mr. Drelich also offered compliments to the current dispatch staff for their wonderful service.

Police dispatcher Joanne Masek gave an impassioned soliloquy to the Committee about the personal service that is currently provided to Darien residents and police personnel by the Darien Area Dispatch Center, and how DADC dispatchers know the finer service points of our community (i.e. public works generators when power is out). Ms. Masek also expressed concerns about experiences she has had transferring calls to DU-COMM and those calls were not answered in a timely fashion. Mr. Tegtmeyer indicated that many DU-COMM member communities have special notification procedures for their public works and other municipal services in a manual that is referenced regularly by the DU-COMM dispatchers. He also indicated that prompt phone answering is a matter of law and policy and that specific instances of poor answering are investigated when brought to his staff's attention.

Alderman Galan questioned Administrator Vana about the process for a potential move to DU-COMM. Mr. Vana indicated that the full City Council would need to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with DU-COMM. Alderman Poteraske again expressed his concerns about future increases in expenses. Alderman Galan asked Chief Pavelchik what the Village of Lisle was going to do because if Lisle is also going to DU-COMM then Darien will be footing the bill for the entire dispatch budget. DADC Director Diane Daly asked Mr. Tegtmeyer how Darien communications would be connected to DU-COMM, the answer via phone lines.

Administrator Vana also informed the Committee that DADC will need extensive upgrades in equipment in the coming years and this move to DU-COMM will negate that upgrade.

Motion by Alderman Galan, second by Alderman Poteraske to recommend City Council approval of the DU-COMM Resolution pending review of final budget numbers from DU-COMM (both Aldermen added that any increase above the proposed \$320,679 could change their position on this issue). Motion carried by voice vote two ayes.

5. New Business

Purchase Agenda Memo – Ballistic Vests

Motion by Alderman Poteraske, second by Alderman Galan to purchase ballistic vests from the Ray O'Herron Company in the amount of \$9,395. Motion carried by voice vote, two ayes.

6. Department Report

DarienFest Salary Expense

Chief Pavelchik presented to the Committee the DarienFest report from Detective Sgt. Reed, which included an expense report from the police department. The police salary and overtime expense for this year was \$18,630.50, which is down from last year's combined expense of \$19,829.12. Alderman Galan also commented that the Municipal Service Department incurred DarienFest expenses in both manpower and barricade rental that totaled approximately \$2,000. Alderman Poteraske asked what Downers Grove did this year for police service at their smaller version of Heritage Fest. Alderman Galan commented that the 2010 Downers Grove festival was much smaller than previous years.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment other than the comments of residents under Item 4.

8. Next Meeting Date

Alderman Galan announced that the next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 4, 2010, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m., motion by Alderman Galan, second by Alderman Poteraske.

Minutes Submitted by: Chief Robert Pavelchik

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
John Galan

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
John Poteraske