

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee**  
**January 12, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poteraske at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was declared.  
Committee Members in attendance: Alderman John Poteraske and Alderman Halil Avci.  
Committee Members Absent: Alderman Carolyn Gattuso

The following staff members were present: Chief of Police Robert Pavelchik and Assistant to the City Administrator Scott Coren.

Elected Officials in Attendance: Alderman Joseph Marchese who arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Residents/Guests in Attendance:

Ric Myles, 8044 Wildwood Lane, 630-427-1287  
Mark & Ling Minsky, 1623 Lakeview Dr., 630-910-7828  
K. Abraham, 1717 Lakeview Dr., 630479-5007  
Michelle Huang, 8114 Oakley Dr., 630-985-5985  
Tom Allegretti, 1632 Golfview Dr., 630-985-2599  
Burt Rot, 1707 Boulder Dr., 630-985-5874  
Steve Hiatt, 1632 Lakeview Dr., 630-985-5874  
Mark Huang, 8114 Oakley Dr., 630-985-5985  
Joann Scatena, 1711 Boulder Dr., 630-910-4417  
Bob Scatina, 1711 Boulder Dr., 630-910-4417  
April Alvarado, 1735 Boulder Dr., 630-910-7188  
M. Dziukala, 1703 Boulder Dr.  
Sue Denneau, 1706 Boulder Dr., 630-985-5511  
Barbara Ladd, 8077 Wildwood Lane, 630-910-5529  
Ellie Spiers, 7714 Cass, 630-968-1811

**Item 6b – Traffic Recommendations Sub Area 3-6**

Alderman Poteraske invited comments from the citizens present regarding the proposed removal of stop signs on Lakeview at Oakley and on Lakeview at Wildwood. (This item was previously reviewed by the Administrative Finance Committee on December 15, 2008, and was returned to this Committee by the City Council on December 22, 2008). Alderman Poteraske accepted a letter from seven year old Courtney Huang in support of leaving the stop signs.

The following residents spoke in favor of leaving the stop signs along Lakeview Drive:

1. Tom Allegretti, acting as president of the Sawmill Creek Homeowners Association. Mr. Allegretti represented that the association board has voted in favor of these stop signs.
2. Ric Myles, also as a homeowner association board member, citing safety and children as a reason to keep the stop signs.
3. Nelva Rot
4. Michelle Huang
5. April Alvarado

6. Mrs. Dziukala
7. Steve Hiatt stated that Lakeview Drive is a major street servicing the community and that cars are constantly, “flying by”.
8. Ken Abraham suggested that the City consult with the traffic engineer to see if in exchange for leaving the stop sign at Wildwood perhaps the Sawmill Creek and Lakeview stop sign could be removed. Mr. Abraham also suggested that curve warning signs be posted southbound on Lakeview where the road curves near his residence.

Chairman Poteraske and Alderman Avci both spoke in support of leaving the signs.

Motion by Chairman Poteraske, second by Alderman Avci to leave the stop signs on Lakeview Drive at its intersections with Wildwood & Oakley; voice vote 2 “ayes”, motion carried. After this discussion and vote, all of the residents listed above left the meeting, as did Alderman Marchese.

**Item 6c – Private Traffic/Parking Enforcement**

Chief Pavelchik updated the Committee on this item. In December letters were sent to several property management companies and homeowner associations indicating that the Committee had reviewed a draft ordinance on the issue of police enforcement of private residential properties. To date, none of the properties have contacted the Chief. The Chief informed the Committee that this issue will be on a back burner until after the budget process and after the cold weather breaks.

**Item 5a - 75<sup>th</sup> Street Dry Cleaners**

The Committee reviewed the letter sent by Darien Dry Cleaners. At an earlier Committee of the Whole meeting, it was determined rental incentives would be discussed after proposals on the property were due. The Committee voted 2-0 to send a letter to the tenant stating the letter would be reviewed along with other tenants after receiving proposals on the property.

**Item 5b - Laundromat**

The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet on costs and expenditures on the property. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Approved:

John Poteraske, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Halil Avci, Member \_\_\_\_\_

Carolyn Gattuso, Member \_\_\_\_\_