

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

November 9th, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Council Committee Members: Chair Mark Masser, Matt Lampke, Jed Morison

Roll Call: All present.

Others Present: Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Bill Harvey, Ben Kessler, President McClelland, Richard Sharp, Chief Rinehart, Rick Weber.

Review of Minutes: October 12, 2010 - Approved

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Rinehart said the police reports are current. There has been a rash of thefts and break-ins. He encourages everyone to be aware and phone the police if they see anyone or any vehicles that look suspicious. He stressed the importance of keeping windows, cars and doors locked at all times.

Mr. Morison commented on the outstanding work by the police officers.

Report of Mayor/Safety Director: Mayor Brennan said he attended the CHOICES luncheon and applauded the Chief for his work against domestic violence. Mr. Masser discussed the Montrose traffic and said safety in this situation is very important.

Ordinances - None

New Business: Mr. Langner said the site work to the exterior of the building has been approved and the owners will be converting the building to a restaurant. Piada has come on board and is working on opening a restaurant in Bexley. The site development plans have been approved. The site has been reviewed by the traffic engineer as well.

Mr. Kessler said he is aware there are concerns from the School Board and they will be meeting on November 15th to discuss the pedestrian safety issue.

Ms. Robyn Jones, Vernon Rd., addressed Council and said originally everything in Bexley was dry. Everything now has permits through voting. The application was made in August with a \$100.00 filing fee. Ohio is based on "quota" for the district and based on population. They were notified of opening and had a processing fee. There is a 30 day availability for the City to hold a hearing if Council decides to have one. The site was measured and if within

500' from a school, church or library or playground, those entities are notified. At this point, no hearing has been requested and the new applicant has no history. The renewal would be held on February 1st and if the City has concerns they can request a hearing at that point. She said a D1 is for beer only; D2 is wine till 1:00 a.m.; D5 is everything except Sunday; D3 is hard liquor.

Bob Robertson-Boyd – In regards to safety, will there be a foot traffic study completed? Parents are not paying attention and the Remington access is bad. It increases the risk for our kids.

Anna Werniche, 733 Vernon Road – Ms. Werniche distributed a map of the school. She said Joe Ridgeway came to Montrose years ago to do a traffic report. You cannot turn and we have new parents drop off and pick up students who cross at Main Street. It would be a bad idea and I would offer Council Members to volunteer to be control officer for a day. Her contract is with the Board of Education.

Jessee Cool-Debin, 928 S. Remington Road – The concern is the drive-thru and they thought they were not allowed by law in Bexley. Mr. Chodosh said it is a Charter provision and the fact that the major portion of business occurs without leaving their cars (i.e. McDonalds). This will be a drive thru strictly to handle already called in orders. Jessee asked who decides or monitors whether it is a “major portion” of the business. Mr. Chodosh said it can be left up to interpretation.

They are concerned that it is only one exit to Remington. Ms. Rose stated that you can also exit to Main Street. Mr. Masser stated that pick up is different from a drive-thru service. Mr. Sharp asked how is the pick up drive-thru going to be policed. Mr. Kessler said this is a Code Enforcement issue. Mr. Weber asked how the Piada people plan and operate this business. Mr. Royer said instead of a menu there is a board. Fast food places have a greater need for an actual drive-thru and it makes most of their business they make money off their drive-thru. Mr. Sharp asked if people could walk up to the pick up window. Mr. Royer said there are no sidewalks to accommodate that option.

Erica Hondroulis, 1019 Vernon Rd. – She supports the development in the area but people are not careful in the parking lot now. Most people know not to order at the window. Cassingham is worse than what traffic this business will produce. This is a walkable community and should remain that way.

Dean Hoover, Remington- He said he teaches at Montrose. The pick-up window is a concern. It will cause more traffic problems.

Mr. Masser said we can review this as a Charter Review. Mr. Chodosh said maybe they need to consider changing where traffic is allowed near the school.

Kevin Brashear, 767 Euclaire Avenue - He agrees with Bob's comments and more information needs to be made available to the citizens. Is it a pick-up window or a drive-thru?

Mr. Weber said he relies on the City Attorney's interpretation is the 5% worth it? He suggested the Planning Commission members visit the site.

Terri Schwallie, 991 S. Remington Rd. – If it is only 5% of the business, is it worth it? Mr. Masser said they would need to ask Piada that question because we don't know 5% of what figure? Safety is his number one concern. We have tried to make things safer over the years. Mr. Lampke said perhaps we could request Piada to move their sales times and type. He said we need a traffic survey and the term "drive-thru" should not be left up to interpretation. The site plan was approved by another board, the Planning Commission.

Other Business: Mr. Masser said the next Safety Meeting will be held on December 7th.

Item #6 – Liquor License – we need to decide if we want to have a hearing on this issue.

Next meeting –December 7th, 2010

Adjourned