



3RD WARD MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN DENISE RODD

December 10, 2014

AGENDA

- Des Plaines Jeopardy
- Lady Guadalupe Shrine
- City Wide Issues

CITY ISSUES

Council Meeting December 15 Agenda:

- How is the Agenda created? Items are placed on the agenda when 3 councilmen vote for the item; Mayor asks for the item or Committee Member requests an item. The City Manager can add requests as well as the usual “housekeeping” items completes the agenda.
- Monday’s meeting appears to have a short agenda.
- Why does the council go into executive session? Subjects of litigation, sale or lease of property and personnel cannot be discussed in public as they can negatively affect a trial outcome, property sale price and personal business of an employee.
- What about the Administrator Hearing Officer? Nothing, as yet.
- Commissioner Appointments: May be pulled from agenda because it has not been discussed. There are interested parties that would like to fill the appointment.

Alternative Sources of Fuel:

We had a study down to look at alternative fuels for our fleet. Des Plaines has old vehicles without much mileage as they only travel locally. There were 3 possibilities that came from the study:

1. E85 – Ethanol Fuel
2. Propane
3. Natural Gas – there are 4 police vehicles that can use Natural Gas.

No decision was made. The study concluded E85 would work best for our fleet. We are still exploring this option as using E85 would require retrofitting our fleet.

DES PLAINES JEOPARDY:

Chief Wax created a Des Plaines Jeopardy Game. Ward Meeting Attendees were divided up in 3 teams of 3:

LADY OF GUADALUPE:

December 11 and 12 will bring pilgrims from all around the Chicago area to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located at River and Central Roads to celebrate the Feast Day. Expect roads closed to traffic around that area due to the number of crowds that will be attending the celebration. Many of the pilgrims attending will be coming by foot and walking great distances to attend. Denise and Ruth visited the Shrine and on hand at midnight to see the Archbishop arriving to say Mass outside at the Shrine. A parish from Chicago walked over 6 hours to attend that evening feast. It was quite an experience for Alderman Rodd and me and one we will not forget soon. Alderman Rodd will share pictures on Facebook taken from that night.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine is the only one located in the United States outside of Mexico.

OTHER QUESTIONS

- Variance Sign at Binny’s – Not sure why...variance signs are put up if the building is remodeling or changing their signage.

NEXT MEETING

Date TBD -- Prairie Lakes – Agenda: Surprise Guest.

Happy Holidays to the entire 3rd Ward and Des Plaines Residents

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