

Minutes, Public Health & Safety Committee
Monday, April 3, 2017, 7:00 pm

Present: Members – Felice Borisy-Rudin, Bill Muehl, Mark Lederer, Josh Sotos, Tim Crisp
Staff – Chief Dennis Pine, David Sykes, Attorney Holly Wilson

Call to order 7:01 pm.

Duly posted – complied with open meeting laws.

Medians: Holly Wilson presents proposed ordinance, and leads discussion. Has simplified ordinance and made specific for the Village. Discusses 1st amendment cases that prohibit panhandling – considered to be speech limiting. Street and medians are subject to public forum analysis. Broadband on conduct is content neutral ordinance, but must be narrowly tailored to protect a significant government interest – e.g., traffic safety, fraud. Narrow tailoring requires analysis of why those particular medians are dangerous, such as specific findings. Many panhandling ordinances have been overturned in the absence of such findings (coming out of Maine and Connecticut, and a case out of the 7th Circuit). Would need specific correlations that the particular intersections are dangerous. May need a traffic study. City of Madison has already done a traffic study that covers University Avenue. City will have concurrent jurisdiction, but we need our own ordinance for enforcement. Madison is doing a slow roll-out with education and warnings. We need Chief Pine to provide a report of traffic incidents and accidents at each of these intersections, and up each road. Holly will revise after receiving report from the Chief. Time line: we'll review ordinance at May meeting, and present to Board in May.

Bee-Keeping: Holly Wilson presents issues and concerns, discusses memo. Similar issues as chicken ordinance, needs permitting procedure, and consideration of: location, number and size of hives, location of hives on property & setbacks, flyway barriers, and access to water. We may need to consider changing our zoning to allow taller fences.

Narcan: David Sykes—would need a volunteer Medical Director to certify the police officers in Narcan nasal spray, train, and review its use. Nasal spray is 40 dollars per unit, recommend 2 units per squad. Would cost about \$300 to equip department. Carrie Hemming is a nurse practitioner, who is lead trainer for city of Madison, and is willing to train our PD. 30 minutes training at staff meeting. Provided Board approves, David will put a blast out for MD. Bill Muehl moves that we recommend that our police force be equipped with Narcan; Tim Crisp seconds. All in favor 5:0.

Next meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017, 7 pm. Agenda items: median ordinance; bee ordinance; discussion of whether village policing needs have increased, and whether power shift officer is necessary.

Move to adjourn, 8:28 pm.

Drafted and submitted by Trustee Felice Borisy-Rudin