



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**May 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on April 9, 2007. Call to order 7:13 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Schmidt, Reckamp, Medford  
Members Not Present: Bennett,  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: Dan Polites, Ned Drolet, John Drolet,  
Other Persons Present: Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Jerry Brewer (OFD); Scott Gaab, Resident Mr. Al Keeler and Mr. Percy Singleton, Representatives from New Life in Christ Church; Moye School Road Resident\*; Jean Bevington (OPD);  
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of March 12, 2007, all ayes.

Chairman True requested the Committee to begin with New Business **Item 2**. Keck Ridge Traffic and Noise from New Life in Christ Church. Hearing no objections Chairman True proceeded to address Agenda Items for residents that were present to plead their requests.

**New Business**

**Item 2. Keck Ridge Traffic and Noise from New Life In Christ Church –**

Chairman True opened the floor for the opportunity for the individuals to address the Committee on this issue. No one came forward, however, Mr. Al Keeler and Mr. Percy Singleton, representatives of the Church, informed the Committee that the parking and traffic flow issues have been working well since the new parking lot has been completed. They had a youth event with music that did continue somewhat later than normal (approximately 10:30 p.m.) and this was a one-time event. Chief Betten informed the Committee that he only had one call for "Noise Complaint" since January 1, 2007, and when the Officer arrived between 10:30 p.m. – 10:45 p.m. the event already was coming to a close. There was no "Calls for Service" for Parking during this time period. Chief Betten informed the Committee he will monitor the situation.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 4 Sign on Cardiff Court “No Thru Street”** – Chairman True recognized Mr. Scott Gaab, O’Fallon Resident, who requested the Committee to place a “No Thru Street” sign at the beginning of the cul-de-sac on Cardiff Court. Mr. Gaab provided a handout (attached) and informed the Committee that he has multiple turnarounds on this street because of its length and the end is not visible. He was also concerned of the numerous children that live and play in this area. He and the residents are concerned for their safety. Mr. Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that he is not aware of any studies conducted on turnaround stats for cul-de-sacs. Chief Betten informed the Committee that he would perform a Traffic Study. A Motion was made by Alderman Reckamp for Chief Betten to conduct a traffic study for volume of traffic on Cardiff Court and seconded by Alderman Medford. Chief Betten to provide the traffic study information to the Committee.

**Action:** Traffic Study

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

### **Old Business**

**Item 3. Traffic Congestion on Moye School Road (Request for Crossing Guard) Parking Signs placed after painted curb down to Moye School Property** – A resident\*, was recognized by Chairman True to address the Committee. He questioned the “signs” that have been or will be placed on Moye School Road in the area of his and other property owners without their knowledge. Chairman True informed him that this issue has been an Agenda Item for some time and it is on the second reading from the City Council. Chairman True advised him to contact his Ward Alderman, John West, and make arrangements to have this issue possibly re-presented on the Agenda for the next Safety Meeting.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **Old Business Continued**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, gave update on the status of the Roundabout. Dennis informed the Committee that the final Contract has not been completed; the expected start date of this project is Spring 2008. Dennis’ forecast for the completion is at least 270 days. He expects the contractor to keep the lanes open during “peak” times and closing one lane during the actual construction work during the day. The question of a “bonus” for early completion was brought to the floor and Dennis informed the Committee that he would look into placing a clause in the Contract for incentive. Dennis expressed doubt that the State would accept this request.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

\* Not identified – Attendance Sheet Not Returned

**Item 2. Fire Department Consultant Visit** – Walter Denton informed the Committee that he has the final draft from Dr. McGrath.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. Above**

**Item 4. New Central School Traffic Study** – Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee that he has seen the plan and the traffic flow appears to be as well planned as possible under the circumstances. The best solution is an extension of Ashland Avenue; however, the right-of-way on Ashland is owned by Caseyville Township and they are not agreeable to sell any portion of this right-of-way to make the improvements. Dennis informed the Committee that presently, the City is not in a position to restructure the traffic flow, however, the State may get involved at a later date.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**New Business (Cont.)**

**Item 1. Traffic Problems Associated with Construction of New 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus on Seven Hills Road (sidewalks, widen road, stop lights, 4-way stops, etc.)** – Alderman True was not sure who placed this request on the Agenda and possibly thought it might be Alderman West; item to be placed on hold until next meeting.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Addressed Above**

**Item. 3 Four-way Stop @ Cherry and Adams** – Request was made by a representative of New Enterprise Academy who did not attend the meeting to present request. The Committee discussed issue of the Children crossing the street to play on the playground. Alderman Schmidt to contact individual/school to get more information on this issue and Chief Betten will conduct traffic study.

**Action:** Traffic Study

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 4. Addressed Above**

**Item 5. Agenda Requests** – New Aldermen present inquired on how items are placed on the Agenda. Chairman True said that various requests are sent to City Hall and Walter Denton will send them to the appropriate Committee Chairmen for acceptance on the Agenda (some items can be handled by the Aldermen themselves without being placed on the Agenda). Chief Betten gets several requests e-mailed to him also. All requests are then placed on the Agenda by

Jean Bevington the Recording Secretary for the Safety Committee. Jean, at the appropriate cut-off date, notifies Chairman True and the Chief for their approval of items or any additions they may still have and then forwards the Agenda to City Hall for posting on the web page.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 6. MPH on Greenmount and Cambridge/Enforcement on Pierce –**

Aldermen complimented the visibility of the Police on Pierce and in that vicinity. Questions on speed limits from 35 MPH to 25 MPH with the “Road Name Change” by just crossing Hwy 50. Discussion followed but no active action was determined by these MPH postings.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 7. Request for “Children at Play” sign in ally by Terry’s Auto Body –**

Aldermen Drolet requested the Committee to re-consider placing a “Children at Play” sign or a “speed bump” in the alley behind the Auto Body Business. The Committee discussed this issue and the decision was made to deny this request.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

NOTE: Attendance at this May 14, 2007, meeting is unconfirmed as the “Attendance Sheet” was not returned after the meeting. A Quorum was determined with the Committee Members only.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Medford and seconded by Alderman Reckamp.**

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:22 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>June 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>