

Meeting minutes, Public Services Committee, July 7, 2009

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

ATTENDEES

Bill Pritchard, Chair

Andy Freimuth

Sue Hill

Michael Lebowitz

Don Sherk

Al Lang, Council Liaison

Warren Rizzi, Town Staff

Absent: John Barnes, Catherine Cecere, Scott DeCain, Larry Lannom, Susan Milner Reynolds, Arthur Schatzkin

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Public comments

Steve Keeble, a resident of Walsh Street, requested that the Town take action at the corner of East & Bradley (NE corner), where hedges are blocking view. Mr. Keeble stated that he had talked to the Town manager about this, who stated that he would need direction from the Council to take action. Mr. Keeble stated that the Council has been on notice of this problem since November 2007.

Al Lang stated that this issue would be taken up with the Town Manager, including other streets on Bradley.

Mr. Keeble also expressed concern about shrubbery hanging over sidewalks. He stated that he raised this issue with the Town Manager, and that the Town Manager stated that the Town only responds to specific complaints. Mr. Keeble suggests that Town take responsibility rather than just respond to complaints.

Al Lang recalls Council discussion of this issue, but not sure what they decided. Bill Pritchard stated that a traffic engineer should examine all corners on Bradley and the Town as a whole for shrubbery problems.

Lighting

Al Lang reported that the PSC was waiting for proposals, which are due July 21. Proposals should address a range of options; the PSC will evaluate proposals and then make recommendation to Council. A committee member requested the consideration of ground level lighting.

Security

Al Lang stated that the PSC needs to set up meeting with John Devore to see if he would be a candidate to take on role of studying and advising on policing of Town.

Water

Water proposal. In response to comments from Water Board, PSC prepared draft Operating Procedure. Discussion ensued about some edits. PSC will talk to Bill Bissell about the possibility of his functioning as the water consultant.

Suggestion was that PSC talk to new residents about water issues (including providing something in new resident packet), build up a case load of how residents treated water issues, follow up on consultant recommendations, and keep copies of all reports.

Discussion about Town Manager's proposal that program be called Resident Water Management Program, instead of Consulting Water Management Program. Sense of committee is that latter term is in line with tree program and appropriate.

The goal for approval is September. PSC doesn't have quorum tonight to make recommendation to Council, but Al Lang can raise the issue at tomorrow night's meeting.

Traffic

PSC will have a meeting devoted to traffic. Discussion ensued about collecting data and taking comprehensive view of Town traffic. That may include a count cars traveling through the Leland Center parking lot. Discussion of field trip before August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.