

City Council Committee Reports for 2022

DATE: Nov 8, 2022_RECORDER: McCauley

COMMITTEE _____ Public Safety _____

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
Ed Cameron		<i>Listed in notes</i>	
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>		
Afroz Khan			
Byron J. Lane			
James J. McCauley	<i>m</i>		
Heather L. Shand			
Connie Preston			
Bruce L. Vogel			
Christine E. Wallace	<i>x</i>		
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright	<i>m</i>		

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>APPL 111 11-1-22 Ladies Night Out/Run 12/3 2-5</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>APPL 112 11-1-22 DEI Alliance Table on Market Sq 12/2, 12/9</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 387 11-1-22 Parking Signage on Forrester St</i>	<i>Approve 2-1</i>
<i>COMM 441 11-1-22 Electric Car Charging</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>

Recording

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Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings 10/19. Approve 3-0

APPL 111 Ladies Night Out/Run 12/3 2-5

Ashley Steeves was present to discuss the request to hold a Race/Ladies night out. This is a Women-only event held at Nicholson Hall. Race start-stop at Hall....thru city street (Harris) to Washington to Rail trail....loop. All Paperwork in order, INS form OK. No questions.

Committee: Vote to Approve 3-0.

APPL 112 DEI Alliance Table on Market Sq 12/2, 12/9

Tina Los was present to discuss the request for a table in Mkt Sq. Table is in support of Alliance program called "know your neighbor". Plan is to host a table from which folks can gather and meet new people. Providing Hot Chocolate (Health Dept OK),. Will set up away from Tree and Menorah.

Committee: Vote to approve as amended 3-0

ORDR 387 Parking Signage on Forrester St

Request was to add signage on Forrester St. Request came from Ward Councillor Wallace and Resident Dave Hocheiser. Ask was to put up signs No parking here to corner (20ft). Resident was also asking to expand into "resident only parking" for a portion because people from Merrimac St park near his house. After some committee deliberation....no on the resident parking...they can come back at a later date, and OK on the signs. Resident at last minute now didn't want the signs because it made things messy.

Committee: Vote to send to Council for review 2-1. (Note: Item was withdrawn at Council)

COMM 387 11-1-22 Electric Car Charging

Communication outlined a situation in which residents are running extension cords over sidewalks to charge their EV overnight. This was an open discussion with various staff in attendance:

Greg Earls...Bldg Comm...no permits pulled (1 on Virginia Lane), but none downtown. Not Ok in Bldg code. Jennifer Banchet, ZA...not under zoning, although cannot reserve a parking spot, single family use ends at home (not crosswalk). Molly Ettenborough, Sustainability...OK for a house with driveway but not ok across curb. She has researched other communities" Cambridge-set up public stations distributed further into neighborhoods, Melrose-Partnership with NGrip using lightpoles as stations in targeted neighborhoods.

Committee: Cnclr Donahue: big problem with blocking sidewalks, barrier to ADA compliance

Cnclr Wright: Ingenious problem solving, but still not allowed.

After much discussion...committee voted to bring before the council, explain the situation, and with council approval, craft a memo to City Administration stating in general 1. Charging Cords over sidewalks not allowed, 2. Outline all the public charging stations in the city, 3. State this is a project that needs more study and a longer term solution.

Committee: Vote was 3-0

Conclusion

Adjorn.