

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2002

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

*Karen J. Angelou, Chair
L. Nicholas Hogan
Robert W. Kelley
Michael O'Brien, ex officio*

Members Absent: L. Nicholas Hogan

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou and Robert W. Kelley

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Mayor, Wetherholt, Murphy, Isler, Payne, Thom, McAlister, Collins, Mitchell, Davies, Hall; Carl Schmueckle, Becky Kidwell, David Brizius, Ken Ryther; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0084-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLASS ACTS COLUMBUS, INC., TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE GAHANNA JULY 4TH FREEDOM FESTIVAL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

NEW BUSINESS:

Safety Town Presentation

Brizius said they are here to update Council on Safety Town; not here to ask for money; have been some changes; been doing Safety Town for 20 years now; serving the children of Gahanna; getting them ready to go to school; usually have around 350 children; morning and afternoon classes. Last year they purchased 30 pedal cars and have a trailer to keep them in; children love the cars; they also get a helmet and a T-shirt; each class helmet is a different color and has their name on it. We teach them bicycle safety; and have someone from the bike patrol come; horse patrol; canine unit; National Guard and Coast Guard; and a veterinarian; talk about what they do and how to stay safe; teach them not to be afraid of police officers and the rest; stop drop and roll; practice calling 911. We take them to the police station and the fire station. At the end of the week there is a graduation ceremony held at the high school auditorium, which is usually packed with parents and grandparents. The cost is \$20 per child for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Schmueckle said that the last several years we have sold banners, but this year we are selling buildings and license plates; give business a chance to buy a building for \$150 or a license plate for \$75; building will have their name on it and the license plate too, for the advertisement; also makes a City for the kids that is more their size; will be digital photo of business on heavy cardboard; create a town.

Angelou said this is a great program that serves the City well; still very popular; something that is definitely needed. Kelley said he also agrees it is a very necessary and a good program. He does have a concern that the children think they can always go to people in camouflaged clothing; need to know that not everyone wearing this clothing is a safety person who you can trust. Schmueckle said they work hard to convey to the children that they associate the National Guard with an emergency situation where they would be bringing in heavy machinery; a national emergency; emphasize how they can know the difference.

ISSUES:

Liquor Permit: Jordan's Deli

Chief Murphy said the police department has no objection to the permit.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda.

REPORT - Director of Public Safety (2nd Committee Meeting each month.)

Murphy said they will be ready to continue at the next committee meetings.

REPORT - Chief of Police:

2000-0034

MONITOR:

- 1) Skateboard Park.
- 2) Pizzurro Park
- 3) Morse Rd/US 62 Signage

REPORT - Director of Parks & Recreation

MONITOR:

Police Dispatch Renovation and Upgrade Project:

Donna Jernigan, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council