



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Public Safety and Health Committee

July 30, 2024

4:00 PM

City Hall – Executive Conference Room

Signs & Signals, Traffic & Transportation, Health Services, Police & Fire Protection,
Safety Education
Council members

Chair: Jim Posch | Vice Chair: Gail Larson | Member: Craig Cobb

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2) Role of Public Safety and Health Committee**
 - a. Committee Role (see 7/16 email to administration)
- 3) Incident on Lee Road**
 - a. Chairman Posch's Email to Administration (see 7/17 email)
- 4) Traffic Study Inquiry**

Overlap with Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability Committee
(Gail Larson, Chair)
- 5) Other**
- 6) Adjourn**

FROM: Jim Posch

TO: Mayor Kahlil Seren; Tony Cuda

DATE: 7/16/2024 11:36AM

SUBJECT: Council's Safety and Health Committee reviewing our role

Good Morning Mayor:

The Council's Safety and Health Committee is reviewing our role and priorities as detailed below in my following notes. Our next meeting is at 4:00pm on the July 30th. How can we best collaborate with your Administration on these? Are there things we can add to this list that are your staff's priorities? Does it make sense to discuss these items prior before the committee meets, I assume with the appropriate members of your staff?

Safe Streets

- Nice website [<https://www.safestreets4ch.com/>] - seems like a great work effort thus far! Can we get an update - when would that be appropriate?
- Regarding the Heights Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). This is in the public comment period. How can we assist in this effort? Does it make sense to ask the Transportation and Mobility committee to review this and provide feedback as part of the public comment? Can we help by assisting with this?
- Things specific to Noble, Lee and Cedar/Fairmont - are there other active things we are doing? Such as the yellow plastic dividers on Lee?

Lead Safe Status

- How many rental units were targeted in Zone 1?
- How many landlords have received Lead Safe Certificates of Compliance as of today?
- How many tenants have been relocated to allow for lead containment work to be done?
- Current status of Lead Safe Task force committee and those appointments?
- What is the rollout plan to move into Zone 2?
- Some vendors were concerned about being paid for their work to date - is there any update on this?
- Is the administration considering any public update on this work - if not in the near future - when?
- What can council do to support this work?

Deer

- Some of our residents think our large deer population needs some management and intervention.
- Is this something that should be on our Safety committee.
- Is this being considered and/or already on the administration's active work plan?

Racial Justice Task Force Safety Recommendations

- A lot of community work was done by this task-force in conjunction with the administration and the public
- Good accomplishments have come out of the recommendations (bi-monthly meet the police events and the embedded social worker on police calls)
- After recent meetings with the committee leaders - they worked under the theme of police 'transparency' and 'trust'. While I believe this is one of our values - how can we incorporate these themes into how we think about the work, outcomes and communications.
- The task force recommended sending out the following survey to our residents:
[https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe6/preview/previewId/7dc6cae-ddb9-4970-b620-43e59ac5e529/SV_0JpvKtVNVKgqqeW?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current]
How do we feel about this?
- One should know, many on the committee currently feel disenfranchised over the feeling their work has stalled and is no longer a priority. Honestly, some of the committee members feel angry. How can we correct this, adjust expectations, and manage those. On the administrative side - taking all this on might not be possible with their existing work plan. Maybe this where Council can assist?

Determining Council's Role Collaboratively

- How can we be supportive and in the loop?
- Hypothetically - when we hear from a resident about X issue, how can we report it - while also getting responses and updates tracking progress?
- It should go without question Council supports the Administration's work when it comes to public safety.
- In the spirit of working collaboratively - are there active priorities we should know about in the police department's work plan? How are those going? What can we do to support this work?
- Is there data and other measurable outcomes that supports the need for these priorities?
- Without adding work (to an already busy department) - what kind of data can be shared with us that helps us understand the safety of our neighborhoods (such as crime data or enforcement data)? It would be best for us to start with some baseline.
- Where are we making sure our safety forces have the resources they need?



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FROM: Jim Posch

TO: Chris Britton; Collette Clinkscale; Eric Zamft

CC: Mayor Kahlil Seren; Tony Cuda

DATE: 7/17/2024 11:37AM

SUBJECT: Struck 16 year old today by hit and run driver

Good Morning Chief Britton, Director Clinkscale, and Director Zamft:

This morning while I was in the Stone Oven, a 16 year old resident was struck in the crosswalk outside the restaurant by a speeding hit and run driver. We were fortunate a pediatric ER doctor (while getting her coffee) was able to assist and our safety forces performed their duties outstandingly. The boy was badly banged up, initially unconscious, and bleeding - but looked as if there was no permanent damage.

As chair of Council's Safety and Health Committee - road safety is one of our priorities (and I know we share that priority with you too). Just yesterday I shared a document of questions along with discussion points with the Mayor on how Council + the Administration can jointly collaborate/support each other in this work. Specific to that document (and our next committee meeting 7/30 @ 4:00pm in which we would like to collaborate with the Administration) - I'll leave in the Mayor's hands.

But regarding this incident today - are there sensible things (physical and enforcement wise) you believe we could address immediately? In the Dora conversations my peers called for some traffic tables. This weekend at a neighborhood event residents asked for more of those portable "Your Speed is X" devices your strap to street poles. Can we park some patrol cars on either end of Lee Road business district. Maybe deploy some automated ticketing devices (but for this item that would take too long for us to deploy).

As experts, you would have better suggestions. But as someone that patronizes Lee Road daily, and crosses that street - I see a lot of bad driving behavior. I don't have any data - but it seems like the road is more busy with speeding drivers during rush hour. While the city has already deployed many traffic calming strategies - more are needed.

Also this area (Lee and Kensington) has several police cameras on poles. Are they operational and can they be used to track down this hit and run driver?

I would be grateful for a reply or any suggestion on what we and Council can do immediately. In case you might not have it - my personal cell is 216-403-9422. I'm grateful for your service.



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