

Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Meier, Juanita Best, Jeff Lofton, Jim Christian, John Koester, Barbara West, Cpl. Dane Kaltenbach, and Alderman Shirley Paro.

Old Business:

The Commission does not recommend placing a stop sign at the corner of Oran and Donnell.

New Business:

Two Traffic Engineers (Larry Welte and Stephanie Voss), with St. Louis County, gave a presentation on scheduled road work for Chambers Road, Lilac Avenue, and Bellefontaine Road. Mr. Welte reported Lilac would be repaved between Hwy 270 and Chambers. Chambers is to be repaved from W. Florissant to Bellefontaine, and Bellefontaine from the city limits to Hwy 270. Ms. Voss stated the three projects are all going to be paid for out of the St. Louis County budget. Chambers Road will be the first project. The contracts are just for replacing the existing roadways.

Mr. Gruenwald, a city resident who is blind, described specific challenges he encounters while walking on Chambers and Bellefontaine. The shoulder on eastbound Chambers, west of Bellefontaine Road to the county park is narrow to non-existent. Similarly, the shoulder on southbound Bellefontaine, south of Chambers, is very narrow and creates a hazardous condition for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. He, also, suggested an "on call" stop sign and crosswalk on Bellefontaine between City Hall and the Cemetery. The Engineers said they would look into the situation on Chambers to see if that contract could be amended to fix the shoulder problem. The other changes would probably have to be funded from another source as these would be improvements, not repairs. There was some discussion how these could be funded.

There was a request for a stop sign at the intersection of Oran and Church. The Board members will look at the intersection before considering the request at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be on January 26, 2017

John Koester, Acting Secretary