



# CITY COUNCIL

## Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee

**Monday, May 18, 2009**  
**Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** M. Baez, S. Marmarou

**Others Attending:** S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by S. Marmarou, Chair.

### **I. Interviews**

#### **Carl Herbein (reappointment – Convention Center Authority)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Herbein would like to continue serving on this Authority. Mr. Herbein stated that he is committed to the work of the Authority and has enjoyed his two terms. He also stated that the Authority benefits from his experience as a CPA.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Herbein had any recommendations regarding this authority. Mr. Herbein replied that the Sovereign Center and Performing Arts Center have had good runs since their openings. He stated that there are challenges at this time because of the lagging economy. He further stated his hope that the former Pearl building be renovated and tied into the Sovereign Center to expand opportunities for uses of the Center. He noted that Federal and State grants would be needed for funding. He also suggested that it would be useful for Council to speak with current Authority members before making a new appointment.

**The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Herbein to the Convention Center Authority.**

#### **Nicole Mengel-Groff (appointment – Animal Control Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Ms. Mengel-Groff was interested in serving on this Board. Ms. Mengel-Groff stated that she has lived in the City her entire life and has worked on cat rescue

with the Animal Rescue League. She stated that she tried working a trap, neuter, release program on cat colonies in the City but that the program is not successful in this environment. She stated that most of the animals were sick and diseased. She stated her belief that problems are generally owner issues and that citizens need to be educated about pet ownership responsibilities. She stated her belief that a limit should be set on the number of pets allowed and that cats should meet the same licensing requirements as dogs.

**The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Ms. Mengel-Groff to the Animal Control Board.**

**Boyd Wagner (appointment – Animal Control Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Dr. Wagner was interested in serving on this Board. Dr. Wagner replied that he was approached by Barrie Pease to fill the vacancy of veterinarian. He stated that he is also a Bern Township Supervisor and noted his interest in working with the City.

Mr. Waltman joined the meeting at this time.

Dr. Wagner informed the Committee that he owns the Wyomissing Animal Hospital.

Mr. Marmarou noted that Dr. Wagner will be a great addition to this Board.

Dr. Wagner stated that he follows the animal issues facing the City in the local news.

**The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Dr. Wagner to the Animal Control Board.**

**Glenn Schmehl (appointment – Fire Diversity Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Schmehl was interested in serving on this Board. Mr. Schmehl gave a brief background and noted that he was formerly a general manager at Agere and was acquainted with Christine Wheelen. Ms. Wheelen approached him about serving on this Board. He stated that he owns a business in the City and that he has begun attending meetings to discern his interest in serving and to prepare for his appointment.

Mr. Marmarou questioned which current members of the Fire Diversity Board were City residents. Ms. Katzenmoyer replied that to her knowledge all but one were City residents.

Ms. Baez questioned where Mr. Schmehl's business was located. Mr. Schmehl stated that it is the Iron Horse Hobby House on S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. He stated that he recently made substantial improvements to the property and is committed to staying in the City.

**The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Schmehl to the Fire Diversity Board.**

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

*Shelly Katzenmoyer,*  
Deputy City Clerk