



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Councilperson Brady, Councilman Murphy

SUBJECT: Crusin Downriver 2005

DATE: February 16, 2005

CC: City Manager

On February 15, 2005 an interoffice memorandum was distributed to Mayor and Council. In this letter Councilman Vaslo states that the Mayor had assigned Councilman Vaslo as community representative of the 2005 Crusin Downriver event and. Unfortunately this assignment of duties has created some confusion. There are several items that pertain to this assignment that require review.

The Mayor does not have the authority to assign or appoint any member of City Council individually as Official Representative to the Downriver Cruise Committee. The City Charter only permits the Mayor to appoint Public Safety Commissioners and Housing Commissioners. Additionally all actions of a public body shall be in compliance with the OPEN MEETINGS ACT, Act 267 of 1976 which states:

15.263 Meetings, decisions, and deliberations of public body; requirements; attending or addressing meeting of public body; tape-recording, videotaping, broadcasting, and telecasting proceedings; rules and regulations; exclusion from meeting; exemptions.

(2) All decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public.

The last official act by Mayor and Council was in compliance with this Open Meetings act and the city charter. Until this resolution is amended or an alternate resolution is approved by Mayor and Council, councilman Murphy shall hold position as the Official Representative. Please refer to the below resolution.

RESOLUTION 04-37 Designate City Rep./Downriver Cruise Comm.

By Councilwoman Brady, supported by Councilman Murphy.

RESOLVED, that Councilman Thomas Murphy be designated as the City of Lincoln Park's Official Representative to the Downriver Cruise Committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

Furthermore, the Downriver Cruise Committee elects a chairperson. The committee has elected their official chairperson as of 2/15/05. Councilman Vaslo was not in attendance at this meeting. If the intent of Councilman Vaslo was to become an active participant in this event attendance at committee meetings is imperative. Attached is a copy of the minutes for your review.

Additionally in the memo Councilman Vaslo expressed concerns regarding expenditures, contracts and manpower to host the event. All expenditures for the prior 2004 event followed city policy and will again this year. The funds have been budgeted to allow for this event. If it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to alter policy for hosting this event or to abolish the committee, Mayor and Council will need to take official action.

In closure we would like to remind Councilman Vaslo that the cruise committee is a very dedicated group. The members consist of residents, business owners and city leaders. All of whom are very capable of organizing a successful event for Lincoln Park.