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April 17, 2008

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON SENIOR SERVICES**

The Committee on Senior Services met on April 17, 2008, the Pearl Street Senior Residence, with Chairman William White, presiding and Committee Members Aldermen John Connolly and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman William Roche, Director of Senior Services Cindy Hickey, Police Officer Alex Capobianco, Wendy Weiser and Danny McLaughlin from Teen Empowerment and several residents of the complex.

Chairman White informed those present that the purpose of the committee is to deal with matters that affect the city's senior citizens and that the committee has held several meetings at various senior housing complexes throughout the city in an effort to bring city government to the senior population.

Ms. Weiser and Mr. McLaughlin spoke about the Teen Empowerment organization and described the ways that art is used to deal with teen problems and also spoke of the advantages of having a new location close to the high school. Several residents commented that it was good to have the teen organization in the neighborhood.

Ms. Hickey told those present about upcoming events, including sporting events, shopping trips, this year's trip to Italy and next year's trip to Ireland and discussed the various activities at the senior center. Ms. Hickey also informed those present that assistance is available to seniors who are filling out annual insurance forms.

Residents expressed concern regarding illegal parking on Pearl Street, difficulty maneuvering wheelchairs over the lips of sidewalk ramps and the dangerousness of entering and exiting the building's driveway and garage. Inquiries were also made regarding the completion of the Walnut Street park, which Alderman Roche said should be completed by the fall.

Alderman Sullivan's motion **that the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of parking regulations in and around the senior residence at 240 Pearl Street, and paint curbs, as needed**, was approved.

Aldermen White and Connolly's motion **that the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a comprehensive city-wide survey of all handicap ramps and sidewalks, in and around senior housing complexes, and take all corrective measures to smooth those that are not in compliance with ADA regulations**, was approved.

Alderman Sullivan's motion **that the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing yellow exit light and an ELDERLY CROSSING sign in front of the senior building at 240 Pearl Street**, was approved.

No papers were acted on.

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Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman  
Committee on Senior Services

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