

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 – 6:45 P.M. (approx.)**

**JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Arthur T. Gerckens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Arthur T. Gerckens, Ronald M. Sill, Peter M. Olenoski

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Gerckens asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. Hearing none...

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to close the public portion. **Motion carried.**

**NOMINATION FOR A CHAIRPERSON**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to nominate Arthur T. Gerckens as Chairperson. Hearing no other nominations – nominations closed. **Motion carried.**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to elect Arthur T. Gerckens as Chairperson. **Motion carried.**

**ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014 – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The committee members chose to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Joan Williamson Aldermanic Chambers at Derby City Hall. Date may change due to holiday.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE – 2014**

February 11, 2014  
March 11, 2014  
April 8, 2014  
May 13, 2014  
June 10, 2014  
July 8, 2014  
August 12, 2014  
September 9, 2014  
October 14, 2014  
November 11, 2014\*  
December 9, 2014

\*Subject to change – Veterans Day

### **ADOPTION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to adopt Roberts Rules of Order.  
**Motion carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SODOM LANE – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Mr. Gerckens stated that the Board of Aldermen received a letter from David Levine at the Board's December 19, 2013 meeting regarding Sodom Lane and his desire to have the name changed. The Board requested that this item be sent to this committee for discussion and recommendation. Mr. Levine stated in his letter that he finds the name "Sodom" offensive and commented on the fact that the City of Derby is "an extremely patriotic city" and it his desire to "get the name change for something that has a negative demeanor to something that has a positive demeanor." Mr. Levine has suggested that the name be changed to "Liberty Lane."

Mr. Olenoski indicated that it isn't a bad idea noting that it truly isn't the best name – definite connotations can be made. Mr. Sill informed the committee there may be something in the Ordinance about the naming of streets. He believes there is something about streets being named after Veterans. We would need to check on that.

The committee members also discussed the costs involved in changing a street name. The street has been in existence for quite some time. There would be difficulty for directions, residents who live on the street – confusion for emergency vehicles with the name change. There was a suggestion to maybe contact the residents regarding their feeling with regards to the name change. Mr. Gerckens said he feels this shouldn't even see the light of day. We don't want to start a precedent – "John Street" could also be found offensive to some people. Where does it end? He stated that the City has too many more important issues that need to be dealt with.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Sill to take no action regarding the name change of Sodom Lane. **Motion carried.**

With no other business to come before the committee...

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Olenoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.  
**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn  
Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**