

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: May 15, 1985

Time: 3:00 P.M

Committee Members Present: Terry Kastanis, Chair, Grantland
Johnson, Bill Smallman, Tom
Chinn

1. Report from Mayor's Task Force Against Street Prostitution

DISCUSSION:

Lia Langley, Chair, Mayor's Task Force Against Street Prostitution, presented a report, prepared by Kate Karpilow, to the Committee which addressed recommendations of the Task Force and suggestions on how they might be carried out (See Attachment A). Kate Karpilow, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor recommended that the issue of consistent sentencing policy be discussed with the municipal courts. Lee Dohm, Deputy Chief of Police, was concerned that the Police Department had been left out of the Task Force's recommendations and explained that the Police Department must be encouraged and given necessary resources to continue an intensive enforcement effort in the arrest of street prostitutes. He also suggested that someone from the Police Department would be willing to serve on the Task Force.

REPORT(S) BACK:

None.

ACTION:

The Committee voted to forward the Task Force's recommendations to Council for approval.

MEMORANDUM

May 10, 1985

TO: Mayor Rudin

FROM: Kate Karpilow, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Report from Mayor's Task Force on Prostitution

Please see attached recommendations from the task force. After meeting with several Council Members and the Chair of the Task Force, Lia Langley, the following actions might be considered.

1. Relating to Recommendation #2
Letter to Municipal Court from Council requesting stiffer sentencing, more cautious use of probation, stricter penalties for violating conditions of probation.
2. Relating to Recommendation #3
To request that SHRA staff evaluate those measures already taken in existing redevelopment areas which in their estimation have been successful in mitigating prostitution, including any measures which have directly involved local merchants.
3. Relating to Recommendation #4
 - a) To request that the City Traffic Engineer
 - 1) identify a date certain for removing the F Street barrier to create a 2-way street which will have the side benefit of breaking up the full block stroll area which includes both 16th and F Streets; and
 - 2) to identify how traffic patterns may facilitate prostitution in other high prostitution areas, as determined by the Police Department.
 - b) To direct Public Works to evaluate the effects of increased lighting on 4th and T in minimizing prostitution, and to take appropriate steps in other areas of high prostitution.

Should you and the Transportation and Community Development Committee determine that the term of the Task Force be extended, the following objectives might be considered:

1. Requesting the Task Force to research successful anti-prostitution programs in other cities and return with report by the end of the year.
2. Request the development of an outreach program to areas of prostitution outside of the redevelopment area (e.g. 16th Street) based on information supplied by SHRA (see #2 above).
3. To provide a draft fact sheet on the negative impacts of prostitution on business (e.g. lowered property values) to be finalized and distributed by SHRA and the Community Resources Division in the Police Department in an information package (that would include a "sticker" with the phone number of the vice squad).
4. To return to the Council in September of 1985 with detailed plan for a media campaign and be held in March 1986. This campaign could include:
 - a. Informational series in the Bee and Union
 - b. Council District meetings
 - c. Outreach to Neighborhood Councils
 - d. Outreach to schools
 - e. Stepped-up arrests
 - f. Developing measures to publicize names of "Johns"

Should the term of the Task Force be extended, a sunset date of June 1, 1986 would provide the Task Force with time to evaluate the success of the media campaign and formulate final recommendations.

1/ Because the Task Force has no funds, supplying, a phone for long distance calls (e.g. at an empty desk in the City Manager's Office or Police Department would be a possible support service.