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Bank of America - Robert Pearce-Citizen Comment (B)

Mr. Pearce addressed the Public Safety Committee concerning "boom box" noise at the Bank of America drive-thru ATM located at 1116 West University Avenue. The Committee held four meetings with police, code enforcement, planning staff and Mr. Pearce regarding enforcement, zoning, and compliance with the City's noise ordinance. The Public Safety Committee, with approval from the City Commission, and the City Manager both sent letters to the Bank of America requesting voluntary compliance of a provision of the noise ordinance that could require posting of "noise warning" signs at the nuisance property. On April 14, 2006, the Bank of America, with the assistance of the GPD Community Resource Officer, posted one sign adjacent to the single 24-hour ATM lane of the drive-through. Posting the noise warning sign, which reads, "WARNING, Playing a stereo radio, or amplifier that can be heard 200 feet away is prohibited. City Ord. Sec. 15-3", will now allow law enforcement officers to cite violators without having to issue a warning. Mr. Pearce was notified of the posting. The Public Safety Committee heard from GPD staff at their May 18, 2006 meeting that since the posting in April, no citations have been written nor have they received any additional citizen complaints.

As part of this referral, Mr. Pearce also presented concerns with how the lighting at the Bank of America was streaming onto this and adjoining properties. Code Enforcement had been in contact with the bank representatives who were addressing the concerns through a security survey. In the interim, the bank agreed to disconnect that particular light. Code Enforcement has continued to monitor the light fixture and as of May 28, 2006 the fixture remains disconnected. The bank has assured Code Enforcement that a lighting survey will be conducted prior to the fixture being reconnected.

The City Commission receive the Public Safety Committee report and remove this item from the pending referral list.