

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting  
Minutes of July 11, 2011  
City Council Chambers – 7:15 p.m.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center**

ALDERMEN PRESENT: J. Fiske, D. Holmes, A. Rainey, D. Wilson, M. Wynne

STAFF PRESENT: G. Farrar, S. Griffin, D. Marino, B. Newman

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Wilson

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**I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum being present, Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

**Ald. Rainey moved approval, seconded by Ald. Wynne.**

**The minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously 5-0.**

**III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(PD1) Discussion of Potential Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Home Based Business Regulations**

Dennis Marino, Manager of the Planning & Zoning Division of the Community and Economic Development Department, reported that staff has met with the new Director of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss home-based businesses. In addition, a meeting will occur between the Chamber's Home Based Business Committee and City staff to discuss current regulations and potential revised regulations. He asked that the Committee continue the discussion until the August 12<sup>th</sup>, P&D meeting, after the meeting has taken place.

Mr. Marino reported that staff has researched other communities in the area, but wish to research Big 10 communities similar to Evanston. He reported that the US Dept. of Commerce has data revealing that a high percentage of home businesses use less than 5% of their residence and do not have customers who visit their homes. The discussion will place a greater effort on finding solutions for the problematic businesses which cause disturbance to neighbors, such as auto mechanics in garages off alleys of residential areas and multiple landscaping trucks regularly parked/stored on residential streets.

Chair Wilson thanked Mr. Marino. Ald. Holmes expressed appreciation for his course of action.

**Ald. Holmes moved to continue the discussion until the September 12, 2011 meeting, seconded by Ald. Fiske.**

**The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to continue the discussion to the September 12, 2011 meeting.**

#### **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Newman