

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting  
Minutes of July 12, 2010**

**City Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m.**

(or 15 minutes after the Administration & Public Works (A&PW) meeting adjourns)

**Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center**

ALDERMEN PRESENT: D. Holmes, L. Jean-Baptiste, A. Rainey, D. Wilson,  
M. Wynne

STAFF PRESENT: G. Farrar, D. Marino, B. Newman, L. Walker

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Rainey

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**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum being present, Chair Rainey called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 28, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Ald. Wilson moved approval, seconded by Ald. Jean-Baptiste.

**The minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously, 5-0.**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**(P1) Approval of Sidewalk Café for Starbucks #2444, 519 Main Street**

Ald. Wynne moved approval, seconded by Ald. Wilson.

Ald. Wynne said she wanted to make sure the owner understands the litter policy and will make sure the corner stays clean, adding that this is a very busy Starbucks.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste noted that initially there were concerns of the sidewalk café having a negative impact on the area, to which Ald. Wynne replied that they have been in compliance with the request for a security guard when it was specified and they have been living up to their special use regulations.

**The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the sidewalk café for Starbucks at 519 Main Street.**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(PD1) Transitional Housing Research Related to the Families in Transition (FIT) Program**

Mr. Walker explained that the Committee had requested information about how similar communities to Evanston deal with the issue of homelessness.

Ald. Rainey said she was surprised that other cities do not do as much as Evanston, saying that most operate Section 8 Housing or use Community Development Block Grant funds. She said Urbana, Illinois is the only city similar to Evanston.

Mr. Paul Selden of Connections for the Homeless said that San Francisco has a program similar to "Families in Transition" (FIT), adding that HUD funds are used to subsidize families in transition. He explained that there is a limit to the amount of time a family may receive rent subsidy and it is based on 30% of their income. If their income is zero, they pay zero. The amount the client must provide increases incrementally, so when they are finished with the program they are equipped to pay 100% of their rent. He said most programs only support families for 3 months, and that most families in the FIT program do not utilize the full 18 months allowed.

He said the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-location Program (HPRP) is not designed for the same length of time allowed by FIT and that most programs only provide subsidies for 3 months.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Newman