Minutes of the Human Services Committee  
Monday July 7, 2010  
7:00 P.M.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center  
Council Chambers  

PRESENT: Jane Grover, Mark Tendam, Judy Fiske, Delores Holmes  
PRESIDING: Judy Fiske  
ABSENT: Lionel Jean-Baptiste  

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Anger, Assistant City Attorney, Richard Eddington, Police Chief; Carl Caneva, Supervisor Environmental Health; Assistant City Manager Marty Lyons; Nicola Whyte, Health Dept.; and Grant Farrar, Corporate Council  

TOWNSHIP OF EVANSTON: Rosemary Jean-Paul, Director; Bonnie Wilson, Township Assessor  

DECLARATION OF QUORUM  

Call to Order  
Alderman Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.  

APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2010 MINUTES  
Ald. Tendam moved approval, Ald Holmes seconded; approved 4-0.  

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION  
Township of Evanston Monthly Bills totaling  
*Ald. Grover moved approval with grammar corrections, Ald. Tendam seconded; approved 4-0.  

Ordinance 23-O-10 Amending Various Sections of Title 9, “Public Safety,” Chapter 4, “Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl,” of the Evanston City Code  
*Ald. Tendam motion to approve and forward to City Council, Ald. Grover seconded; 2-2 vote, Ald Tendam and Grover voted Yes, Ald Fiske and Holmes voted No. The ordinance was held for the 5th member vote at the August 2nd meeting.  

Susan Bison, 1300 Isabella, Co-chair of Evanston Environmental Board reviewed the memo issued to the committee which addressed three concerns. The accessory structure and nuisance are covered under the City Code, the penalties for non-compliance with any code are; 1st violation $75.00, 2nd violation $150.00, 3rd violation revocation of permit and hens removed from property.  

All backyard chickens committee members will foster hens when necessary. If all members have reached the ordinance limit Ald. Grover stated hen owners in Chicago can also foster hens.
The Backyard Chicken Committee sole purpose is backyard chickens, if in the future the community would like other birds i.e. ducks, another committee should be formed.

Ald. Fiske asked legal if feeding the hens is prohibited by the ground feeding ordinance. Mr. Strong responded yes, it is and if this ordinance is passed that code will have to be amended.

Ald. Holmes raised the question of where will the money come from to enforce this ordinance. Ald. Grover does not see hens as a burden given the amount of money and time that has been invested in cats and dogs.

Ald. Fiske is also concerned with the additional tasked that this ordinance would place on an already barebones City staff. She felt the need was not adequately explained as to why backyard hens are needed. Organic eggs can be purchased at the Farmers' Market and chickens at grocery stores. She sees this ordinance as a partial nuisance and is not able to vote yes on it. Ald. Fiske further stated that Evanston is an urban area and whatever is done by its residents affects their neighbors. She has not heard from anyone in her ward that is in favor of backyard chickens. She would like to know the level of supports within the other eight wards.

Dogs and cats licenses are issued by the City Collectors office, which would also issue hen permits.

A discussion of what should be licensed, each hen or the coup structure ensued but no decision was made in the end.

**Amending Title 8 to Add Chapter 26, “Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors”**
A draft ordinance was presented to the committee and the Law Department was given the go ahead to complete the proposed amendments and submit to committee in August 2010.
- Will the truck idle?
- Concerns of proximity to other existing food establishments.
- Section 8-26-3 addresses private property, which includes Northwestern.
- Is there a safety issue with the propane while the vehicle is in motion?

**Review of Evanston and surrounding municipality’s tree preservation ordinance.**
Dan Garrison member of Evanston Preservation League felt a property owner should not have the right to get rid of a tree.

Ald. Fiske request for this item was prompted by Mather Place desire to remove the trees on the parkway on Mapel and Hinman Ave,

Ald. Grover move to adjourn, Ald. Homes seconded; approved 4-0
Adjourn 8.15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicola Whyte

Evanston Health Department