Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 9, 2015
7:15 p.m.
Council Chambers - Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

                  D. Wilson, M. Wynne

STAFF PRESENT:   S. Flax, M. Masoncup, J. Maiworm, J. McRae, M. Muenzer,
                  B. Newman

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Fiske

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
   A quorum being present, Chair Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2015
   Ald. Wynne moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilson.

   The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
   (P1) Approval of 2015 Open Communities Landlord Tenant Program
   The Housing and Homelessness Commission and staff recommend approval of a $35,000 renewal grant to Open Communities to continue the Evanston Landlord Tenant Program through December 31, 2015. Funding is provided by the City’s Affordable Housing Fund, Account 250.21.5465.62490
   For Action

   Ald. Rainey moved to recommend approval, seconded by Ald. Grover.

   The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend approval of the 2015 Open Communities Landlord Tenant Program.

   (P2) Ordinance 18-O-15, Granting a Special Use for a Wholesale Goods Establishment for Few Spirits at 2308 Main Street
   The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 18-O-15 granting a special use permit for a Wholesale Goods Establishment for Few Spirits in the C1 Commercial District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards for a special use for this district.
   For Introduction


   The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to introduce Ordinance 18-O-15.
(P3) Resolution 15-R-15 designating 1823 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois, the “Morrison Cultural Center”
Staff recommends approval of Resolution 15-R-15, which would designate the property located at 1823 Church Street (formerly known as the BooCoo Cultural Center) the “Morrison Cultural Center” named for Dr. William H. “Doc” Morrison

For Action

Joe McRae, Deputy City Manager and Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, explained:
- Ald. Holmes and staff recommend approval of Resolution 15-R-15
- The 5,000 sq. ft. property was purchased by the City in January of 2015
- The Public Works Dept. is making repairs to the building under the direction of James Maiworm, Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance
- The City plans to use it as a cultural center featuring:
  - Music studio
  - Kitchen/restaurant
  - Dance classes
  - Middle-school dances
  - Community meetings
  - Potentially rentable space
  - Partnerships with the library, Shorefront, the McGaw YMCA, School Districts 202 and 65
  - A local vendor for the kitchen through an RFP
- A grand re-opening is planned for June of 2015

Ald. Rainey said the name is a fabulous idea but it would be better to have a grocer or retailer in the space than to duplicate a cultural center with one of the best high schools in the country across the street and the Fleetwood Jourdain Center and the library in the community.

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend approval of Resolution 15-R-15, seconded by Ald. Tendam.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend approval of Resolution 15-R-15.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
There were no items for discussion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS
There were no communications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Newman