I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, Chair Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2014
Ald. Grover moved approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ald. Wynne.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the August 11, 2014 minutes.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Ordinance 108-O-14, Granting a Special Use for a Residential Building at 1413-15 Howard Street
The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 108-O-14 granting a special use permit for multi-family residential units in the B2 Business District. The applicant has complied with all other zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards for a special use for this district.

For introduction

Chair Rainey called those who wished to speak to the podium.

Thomas Moore, representing the applicants, introduced Messrs. Stravinsky and Czerny and explained that originally they had asked for a special use and a variance for 7 residential units on the commercial property (ground floor), which has been vacant for several years. In order to have a viable use, they have changed their plans to 6 residential units on the ground floor and they have increased the number of parking spaces, so no variance is being requested.

Chair Rainey explained that the property has been residential for 10 years and the special use permit is for converting the ground floor space to residential in order to provide handicap-accessible units.

Chair Rainey amended the motion to add that the rules be suspended.
The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to suspend the rules and recommend Ordinance 108-O-14 for action.

(P2) Ordinance 105-O-14, Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Blaze Pizza at 1737 Sherman Avenue
The Zoning Board of Appeals and the City Staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 105-O-14 granting a special use permit for a Type 2 Restaurant, Blaze Pizza. The applicant has complied with all other zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards of a special use for this district.

For introduction

Ald. Holmes moved to recommend introduction of Ordinance 105-O-14, seconded by Ald. Grover.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to introduce Ordinance 105-O-14.

(P3) Ordinance 106-O-14, Granting a Special Use for a Commercial Indoor Recreational Facility, Goldfish Swim School, at 2008 Dempster Street
The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 106-O-14 granting a special use permit for a Commercial Indoor Recreation Facility, Goldfish Swim School, at 2008 Dempster Street. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards of a special use in the I2 General Industrial District. In order to meet their construction schedule and to fill a large vacant commercial space, suspension of the rules is requested for introduction and action by City Council on September 8, 2014.

For Introduction and Action


Chair Rainey called those who wished to speak to the podium.

Sally Anderson, business partner of Goldfish Swim School and resident of 909 Elmwood, Evanston, introduced her partner, Jack Barbat. Ms. Anderson explained that she will be the operating general manager of the Evanston swim school. They explained that the water is 90° and the air is 92°. They teach safety skills and competitive skills to children, toddler through 12 years old, all year round.

Ald. Braithwaite said he is excited about the activity in west Evanston and that Team Evanston is across the street. He said they may include some special needs groups as there are 2 autistic advocate organizations and the Child Care Network, which meets the target population, in the area.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 for introduction and action of Ordinance 106-O-14.
(P4) Ordinance 104-O-14 Extension of Time for Orrington Hotel Planned Development 1710 Orrington Avenue and 1717-1725 Sherman Avenue

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 104-O-14 to extend the time for completion of Orrington Hotel Planned Development located at 1710 Orrington Avenue and 1717-1725 Sherman Avenue originally approved in October of 2003. The Ordinance grants a two-year extension to obtain building permits for construction of the 30 residential units above the hotel's parking garage located at 1717-1725 Sherman Avenue by October 11, 2016.

For introduction

Ald. Wynne moved to introduce Ordinance 104-O-14, seconded by Ald. Grover.

Chair Rainey called those who wished to speak to the podium.

Jean Lindwall of 625 Library Place said she believes this is a good project however she recommended that it be specified in the Ordinance that this is the last extension granted and that if they need another, they should go back to the Plan Commission and go through the process again.

Ald. Grover said she saw parallels between this request and the request last November by 708 Church, as it exceeds the time limit and the number of extensions allowed, but this request differs because there is a new owner who has been very active in the renovation. She added that according to the original ordinance, applicants do have to go through the process again if they don't finish in 2 years.

Ald. Holmes and Chair Rainey agreed that the new ownership made a difference.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to introduce Ordinance 104-O-14.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Newman