Planning & Development Committee Meeting  
Minutes of July 9, 2012  
City Council Chambers – 7:15 p.m.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

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

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

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Holmes

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Ald. Wynne moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Ald. Fiske.

The minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously 5-0.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Resolution 55-R-12 Designating the Portion of Elinor Place between Wesley Avenue and Ashland Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Sharlene Garfield Way”

The Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names recommends approval of Resolution 55-R-12. Funding for the honorary street name sign program is budgeted in the Streets Materials Account 2670.65115.  


Ald. Wilson said the street is in his ward and that when Ms. Garfield’s family had suggested it, the neighbors thought it was a great idea. Ms. Garfield has done many things that have made a big impact.

Craig Garfield, Charlotte Garfield’s son, of 332 Florence, thanked the Committee for considering naming the street after her. He said sometimes simple things are exceptional. He said she raised 8 foster children aside from her 4 children, she volunteered at Dewey School, the Evanston Food Co-op, and she housed Northwestern graduate students. He said she had been a pillar of the community for 45 years.

Chair Holmes said it is wonderful to think of people having been in their homes in Evanston for 45 years, adding that she will be in hers for 50. She said Ms. Garfield is worth recognizing.

Ald. Rainey agreed and said it sounded like the things she did were big things, and said the program was created to honor such people.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of 55-R-12.
(P2) Approval of Grant to Connections for the Homeless for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

The Housing Commission and staff recommend approval of the renewal for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) grant to Connections for the Homeless in the amount of $11,000. Funding will be provided by the Affordable Housing Fund (Account 5465.62770).

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

The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the grant.

(P3) Resolution 46-R-12, Authorizing Acceptance of $100,000 Grant from the Regional Transportation Authority for Main St. Station Transit Oriented Development Plan & $25,000 Local Match from the Economic Devel. Fund

City staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 46-R-12 that will enable the City to receive an approved $100,000 grant from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for a transit oriented development plan at Main and Chicago. Staff recommends that the P&D Committee and City Council authorize the use of $25,000 in Economic Development Funds as the local match.

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

Ald. Wilson expressed frustration that $125,000 could be used to make improvements such as bike racks and painting the bridge and cleaning it up, rather than just using it for the study.

Ald. Wynne said she shares Ald. Wilson’s frustration but explained that this is how large agencies work: a master plan must be presented in order to get the funding. She added that this is how the CTA improvements were funded 8 years ago.

Ald. Fiske agreed with Ald. Wynne that it is frustrating but to not accept the money would be a mistake. She added that the planning must include public participation.

Ald. Wilson noted that the fundamental problem is in the process.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of 46-R-12, accepting funding and local match.

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