Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 14, 2010
City Council Chambers – 7:05 pm
(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


PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Rainey

DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, Chair Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2010 MEETING MINUTES
Ald. Wilson moved approval, seconded by Ald. Jean-Baptiste.

The minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0 with the following corrections related to Item P3:
1) Chair. Rainey had not met with Atty. Citron. She had met with Atty. Shapiro;
2) Ald. Wilson had said “Ignorance of the law is not an excuse”;
3) The word “communicates” was replaced with “communities” (typo)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Approval of Sponsorship Agreement: Evanston Grand Prix / Sunday, July 18, 2010
Ald. Wilson moved approval.

Mr. Bobkiewicz clarified that the sponsorship amount had been reduced to $5,000 because Northwestern University had contributed $5,000 of the $10,000 originally requested of the City for the sponsorship.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste seconded the motion as amended.

Mr. Bobkiewicz said the race brings many people to the downtown. He introduced Mr. Chris Mailing, owner of Turin Bicycle Shop at 1027 Davis, who has sponsored the Grand Prix race for the last 3 years.

Mr. Mailing said many professional bicyclists from all over the world participate in the race and an estimated 15-20,000 spectators are expected, approximately half of which
are Evanston residents. He said they have had several sponsors over the years, but the economy has caused a lack of sponsorship this year. He said he would not have asked the City to sponsor the race, however. He added that he would appreciate whatever decision was made by the Committee.

Ald. Wynne thanked Mr. Mailing for making the race happen. Chair Rainey said the race brings a lot of activity to the downtown.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of sponsorship of the Grand Prix.

(P2) Ordinance 42-O-10: Amending the Zoning Map to Re-Zone 415 Sherman Avenue from R4 General Residential and oH Hospital Overlay Districts to R5 General Residential District
Ald. Wynne moved approval, seconded by Ald. Holmes.

Chair Rainey reminded the Committee that an individual had purchased a lot that had been owned by St. Francis Hospital and that it is currently zoned R4. She added that at the Plan Commission meeting there were requests for additional parking and that St. Francis would be giving permits to a limited number of neighbors to park in their garage.

The Committee voted unanimously, 5-0, to recommend approval of Ordinance 42-O-10.

(P3) Ordinance 43-O-10 Amending the Special Use for a Convenience Store at 555 Howard Street in the B3 Business District
Ald. Wynne moved to approve the request, seconded by Ald. Jean-Baptiste.

The Committee voted unanimously, 5-0, to recommend approval of Ordinance 43-O-10.

(P4) Ordinance 44-O-10 Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant at 1527 Chicago Avenue in the D4 Downtown Transition Zoning District (“Giordano’s”)
Ald. Wilson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ald. Wynne.

Mr. Ted Mavrikis, owner of Giordano’s said he has been in business in Evanston for several years. He said he plans to put an iron gate 3’ from the property line to enhance the beauty of the proposed patio/eating area. The area is bounded by Heil & Heil, a real estate company, to the south and no residential dwellings on the other sides.

Ald. Fiske said the residents in her ward across the alley to the south were concerned that they would hear the noise from the café because Heil & Heil is in a low building.

Ald. Wynne said Chicago Avenue is a busy street and it would be a delightful dining location. She did not think there would be noise loud enough to disturb residents of the
“Sherman” building because they do not have balconies. She suggested letting the café stay open until 10:00 p.m.

Chair Rainey agreed with the 10:00 closing time, saying said she managed 525 Grove for years and she agreed that the location of the café will not negatively affect the residents as they do not have balconies.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to amend the recommendation for a special use, to approve the closing times of 10:00 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturdays.

(P5) Approval of Funding of Renewal for Second 2009 Families in Transition Case from Connections for the Homeless
Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved to approve the funding, seconded by Ald. Wilson.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(PD1) Information on the Families in Transition Program
Ald. Wynne said the information she received was sufficient in providing her with a broader understanding of the program.

(PD2) Discussion of Concept to Issue a Request for Proposals to Privatize the Families in Transition Program
Chair Rainey suggested that the Committee discuss the issue about how other communities with similar demographics and financial issues approach this housing need. She said they need to find some ideas from other cities across the country.

(PD3) Update on Evanston Foreclosure Activity in April, 2010
Chair Rainey requested that Mr. Walker to provide the Committee with more details such as the addresses and the values of the Evanston homes in foreclosure.

COMMUNICATIONS
There were no communications.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Newman