

**Planning & Development Committee  
Minutes of February 12, 2007  
Council Chambers – 6:30 p.m.  
Evanston Civic Center**

**Alderman Present:** S. Bernstein, A. Hansen, D. Holmes, E. Moran (via satellite/telephone), A. Rainey, E. Tisdahl, C. Wollin, M. Wynne

**Alderman Absent:** L. Jean-Baptiste

**Staff Present:** J. Wolinski, C. Brzezinski, J. Carroll, K. Cox, A. Jackson, D. Jennings, D. Marino, R. Russell, J. Brownlee

**Presiding Official:** Alderman Wynne

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

In the absence of Ald. Jean-Baptiste, Ald. Wynne chaired the meeting this evening and called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2007**

Ald. Tisdahl moved approval of the January 22, 2007 minutes, seconded by Ald. Holmes. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Chair Wynne changed the order of the agenda to accommodate Ald. Moran who will be contacted by phone to participate in the 1700-22 Central Street case.

(P3) Ordinance 14-O-07 – Planned Development request for 959 Dobson

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In summary: A presentation was given by the applicant/architect. Ald. Rainey expressed her support for this project as well as the neighborhood. Several neighborhood meetings were held before application was made to the City, which she commended the applicant for. She noted only one person spoke in opposition out of the entire neighborhood. The owner/applicant is a long-time Evanston resident and business proprietor with an equally long history of owning several businesses in the City as well. The public benefit in this area is to rid the neighborhood of the three existing on-going problem buildings. **Ald. Rainey moved approval, seconded by Ald. Holmes. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion.**

(P1) Ordinance 07-O-07 – Planned Development for 1700-1722 Central Street

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**Ald. Moran was called and participated in the meeting from this point on via phone.**

In summary: Ald. Tisdahl had previously requested to staff that a financial report be done regarding the option of having underground parking. Staff called on Ms. Valerie Kretchmer of Kretchmer & Associates; she presented a report to the Committee and went over the analysis in

further detail. Thirteen citizens spoke on this project, majority in opposition to the project as presented. Mr. Wolinski read numerous amendments made to the agenda into the record. Ald. Tisdahl motioned two additional amendments, seconded by Ald. Wollin with a vote of 8-0 in favor of the motion. A motion was made by Ald. Tisdahl for approval of the list of amendments read by Mr. Wolinski, seconded by Ald. Wollin with a vote of 8-0 in favor of the motion. Ald. Tisdahl gave her comments and views on the entire project and explained her position in support of this development to her constituents and fellow Committee members. **Ald. Tisdahl moved approval of Ordinance 07-O-07 for the Planned Development at 1700-1722 Central, seconded by Ald. Wollin. The vote was 6 in favor and 2 voting nay (Moran and Holmes).**

(P2) PUBLIC HEARING– Application Appealing the Preservation Commission’s Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness for the Demolition of the Evanston Landmark at 1722 Central  
**Ald. Tisdahl moved approval, seconded by Ald. Rainey. The vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion.**

(P5) Ordinance 25-O-07 – Establishing a Moratorium on the Issuance of Building Permits for Construction in the West Evanston TIF District  
This ordinance will reestablish the existing moratorium for an additional 30-days. The existing moratorium expires on February 10, 2007 and this extension will expire on March 14, 2007. **Ald. Tisdahl moved approval, seconded by Ald. Moran. The vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion.**

(P4) Ordinance 24-O-07 – Amending Ordinance 114-O-06 – Granting a Special Use for a Planned Development at 2424 Oakton Street  
Ald. Rainey recommended introduction of this ordinance this evening by noted that she has many concerns and questions that she would like to address before this is finally approved by Council. Staff assured her that her concerns can be addressed and ready by the next Council meeting. With that understood, **Ald. Rainey moved to introduce this evening and refer back to Committee for the February 26, 2007 meeting. Ald. Hansen seconded the motion and the vote was 8-0 in favor.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jacqueline E. Brownlee