

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 8, 2008
Council Chambers – 6:30 p.m.
Evanston Civic Center**

Alderman Present: S. Bernstein, D. Holmes, A. Hansen, L. Jean-Baptiste, E. Moran, A. Rainey, E. Tisdahl, C. Wollin, M. Wynne

Staff Present: J. Wolinski, J. Aiello, J. Brownlee, K. Cox, B. Dunkley, S. Drazner, D. Marino, D. Spicuzza

Presiding Official: Alderman Holmes

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2008 MEETING MINUTES AND TRANSCRIPT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 17 2008

The meeting minutes of March 24th and Transcript from March 17th were approved unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Request for Renewal of Families in Transition Funding for Connections for the Homeless
Ald. Wynne moved approval, seconded by Ald. Bernstein. Ald. Wollin expressed her support for this program. Ald. Rainey stated that this is the first FIT case that she has actually agreed with and supports.

Ms. Sarah Manaher, representing Connections for the Homeless, briefed the Committee on their client and how she has progressed over the last year and her continued plans for advancement in the upcoming year.

The vote was 9-0 in favor of the motion.

(P2) Sidewalk Café for Type 1 Restaurant
Ald. Rainey moved approval, seconded by Ald. Bernstein.

Mr. Wolinski informed the Committee that ordinarily a restaurant does not have to come back for approval. However, this applicant has violated the City's Smoking Ordinance and had to come before Administrative Adjudication and was charged a \$100 fine. The ordinance states that no smoking is allowed within a sidewalk café area. He reminded the Committee that these sidewalk café permits are a privilege versus by right opportunity. Mr. Wolinski noted that staff has met with the restaurant owner and management and are confident that all rules and regulations are clearly understood and that all measures will be taken so that this incident does not occur again.

The owner, Rohit, stated that he has talked with officials in the City's Health Department and has been assured that their Tommy Nevin's has met all their requirements. He assured the Committee that they will make all efforts to comply with the sidewalk café regulations and all City Ordinances.

Ald. Bernstein stated that he is confident in the quality of managerial staff that he has met in Tommy Nevin's over the years and noted that he has heard of no problems with this establishment in the past with underage liquor incidents, conflicts, etc. He expressed his support for this application.

The vote was 9-0 in favor of the motion.

(P3) Ordinance 32-O-08 – Plan Commission Recommendation for a Map Amendment & Planned Development at 708 Church Street

This item was transcribed by LeGrand Court Reporting Service. The transcript is available on the City Web Site, via email or copies made upon request.

The Committee discussed setting a date to have a special meeting for this item. The special meeting date was agreed by the Committee to be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers and will be televised. Chair Holmes said that she will allow the first 90 minutes for public comments followed by Committee discussion.

Mr. Wolinski recommended that this new amended proposal go back before Site Plan and Appearance and Review Committee. The Committee members all agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline E. Brownlee