Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 13, 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 6:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 8, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1)* Sidewalk Café for Jacky’s on Prairie, 2545 Prairie Avenue

The Committee voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

(P2)*Ordinance 25-O-10 Granting a Special Use of a Type 2 Restaurant at 719 Church Street in the D2 Downtown Retail Core Zoning District (“Andy’s Frozen Custard”) Ald. Wilson moved approval, seconded by Ald. Holmes.

Ald. Wynne said the owner had requested that the rules be suspended and the Special Use be voted upon this night.
Chair Rainey asked the owner, Andy Kuntz, to speak to the Council.

Mr. Kuntz said Andy's Frozen Custard is a family owned business that has existed since 1986. He learned the recipe from the owner of Leon's Frozen Custard of Missouri, which was established in 1942. They have 13 units, including one in Bolingbrook, Illinois, which was established in 2006. He said he is excited about Evanston and that he asked for the suspension of rules because the weather is already warm. He said he chose Evanston because of the presence of Northwestern University. Mr. Kuntz explained that all of his other units are drive-through, free standing, so he is looking forward to testing this inline retail, urban style market opportunity.

Chair Rainey said one of the City's goals is to expand and attract business to Evanston and she asked him to speak to prospective business owners in the future to discuss how things are going. He responded that he would be honored to, adding that he is passionate about Andy’s Frozen Custard and he believes Evanston will be proud of Andy’s Frozen Custard 10 or 15 years from now.

Chair Rainey mentioned a former drive-through Dairy Queen that could a prospective future site for Andy’s Frozen Custard.

The Committee voted unanimously, 5-0, in favor of suspending the rules and in favor of the Special Use.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
There were no items for discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS
There were no communications.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Newman