

**CITY COUNCIL  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Monday, November 7, 2005  
Civic Center - Room 2402  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aldermen Holmes, Moran and Tisdahl

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aldermen Bernstein and Jean-Baptiste

**STAFF PRESENT:** Doug Gaynor, Paula Haynes, Linda Lutz, Neal Ney, Paul Gottschalk, Vince Jones, JayTerry, Audrey Trotsky

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alderman Wollin, Pat Vance, Rosemary Jean-Paul, (Evanston Township); Irwin Lyons (Miller Cooper & Co.); Sue Cantor (Mental Health Board); Karen Terry, Susan Stone, Brooke Roothaan, Mike Weston, Linette Murphy (Library Board); Steve Lupton, Len Sciarra, (Environmental Board) (See Attached list of Attendees)

**PRESIDING:** Alderman Moran

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Alderman Bernstein Alderman Moran called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and announced that Alderman Bernstein and Alderman Jean-Baptiste were unable to attend the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2005, MEETING**

**The minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting were called and unanimously accepted (3-0).**

**III. CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 2005 TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BILLS**

Alderman Holmes posed a question regarding the Hoover legal bills and asked if there is any light to an end to this. Ms. Vance said she could not answer that as those bills are all related to the Assessor's office. Alderman Holmes also inquired regarding a bill for the Holiday Inn. Ms. Vance noted that November 13th through the 16th is the Township Official Annual Educational Conference in Peoria and they are staying at the Holiday Inn there.

Alderman Tisdahl asked where people go when they can't pay their gas bills. Ms. Vance responded according to their income level they two options, there is the regular LIHEAP program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, for anybody who is 150% of poverty level or below can apply to that program for assistance. They can also come to the Township for assistance if they have not had assistance for several prior years. Also, the Salvation Army may have some money through FEMA. These are all one time assistance programs for a heating bill. It is recommended that people try to work out some type of payment plan or other arrangement with the utility companies.

**Alderman Holmes motioned for approval of the October 2005 Township monthly bills, seconded by Alderman Tisdahl. Motion unanimously approved (3-0).**

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT OF EVANSTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005**

Irwin Lyons of Miller Cooper & Co., commented the audit report has an unqualified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that we as auditors can give it on the financial statements. The independent auditors report is our part of it and the rest of the report is management's representations that we are auditing as we assist in the year end closing and drafting of the statements. In the new accounting standards there is a management discussion and analysis letter that is a good executive summary of analysis comparatives that have been implemented for a couple of years. The foot notes are very lengthy for government units and they include the accounting policies and a lot of detail of some of the transactions, there are also budget comparisons in the detail. There are two letters, one letter is their management letter which is negative by its nature and does not point out all the good things everyone is doing. The one item on accounts payable is a system type item, and the other two areas regarding the investment policy is a little out of date based on what's actually happening to evaluate that. The Township is not Home Rule, and a couple of years ago the Township ran short of cash because the County was late and because so much of the revenues are property taxes they can't increase it other than within the tax caps they're covered by. The City is not covered by tax caps. If the Township is going to increase the tax caps, not necessarily a large increase, they should at least take advantage of the increase in assessed valuation because if you don't ask for it once you lose it you can't go back and get it. The other letter is the one that's required disclosures to

the Board since we're in effect hired by the Board and working for the Board auditing the staff. These are some standard disclosures as to what our responsibilities are, there are some estimates, the kind of audit adjustments we make, and some minor adjustments that we agree with management didn't need to be recorded but are identified. Also, highlights of some of the new accounting standards that are going to be taking effect in the next couple of years so we can be proactive in addressing those. None will be massive like the last change that affected whole format of the statements, they will be more footnote disclosure and some other things. We did not have any disagreements with management and there were no major difficulties in completing the audit. That is a quick overview of the documents in the packet and can be addressed any time not just at the Human Services Committee meetings.

**Alderman Moran called for a motion to accept the Township Annual Audit as presented. Alderman Tisdahl motioned for acceptance, seconded by Alderman Holmes, and unanimously approved (3-0).**

**V. STATUS REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD ON THE RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

**Karen Terry, member of the Library Board**, introduced the Library support group Board, Susan Stone, Brooke Roothann, Mike Weston, Lynette Murphy, and Junko Yokota former library Board member, National Lewis University School Librarian and recognized expert around the world in children's literature and library services. Their goal tonight is to bring you up to date on this project and to ask for your continued support with the hope that after this meeting they can go on to the Administrative and Public Works Committee (A&PW) to begin construction drawings. In 1994 when the current building opened the space dedicated to youth services was considered generous for that day but since then there have been big changes in thinking about children and libraries. If they were to rebuild the library today they would probably ask for twice as much space for children's services. A power point presentation showed the current children's room for children ranging from age infancy to high school which looked like a scaled down version of the adult space. The presentation then showed what new library spaces for young children now looks like, a whole different approach to library space. The new strategy is to create zones for different ages and different kinds of activities and to make the space livelier, more colorful, more interactive, not just places to read a book, but highly engaging learning environments designed to encourage literacy in many different ways. We are undertaking this renovation because a series of things are happening simultaneously. First, there have been big changes in how kids learn and how to build spaces that support learning. Second, demographics, between 1990 and 2000 and the number of children in Evanston age 5 to 14 increased 16% and they have seen attendance of children's programs at the library increase almost 500% over 7 years. Another factor is the growth in our collection. We currently exceed the stated capacity of the children's room by 30,000 books. This growth partly reflects growth in our budget for materials that has kept track with inflation but also reflects private gifts that the library has received to support the growing collections. To display all these books we have to put quite a few of them where little people cannot reach them. In 2000 the library adopted a strategic plan that includes a strong focus on serving all of Evanston's young people. In fiscal year 2001-2002 we established the position of a full time outreach librarian, Rick Kinebrew, that could deliver library services throughout Evanston. In 2003 they began thinking about how they could improve the facilities, which is what brought them here tonight. They aspire to a facility that continues to serve all of Evanston's young people because when young people come to the library they tend to bring their whole family with them. They aspire to an environment that continues to make reading and literacy compelling and engaging. Their work toward remodeling the youth services area formally began by creating the committee in 2003 when they first conducted a literature review to see what librarians, architects and educators had to say about literacy and learning spaces. They benchmarked their library against other comparable libraries to get further data and visited children's libraries in other communities to learn what others had done. They also had listening sessions with parents, educators, children and teenagers to find out what they thought an ideal space would be. Ms. Terry introduced Susan Stone to talk about the proposed design.

**Susan Stone** said in addition to serving on the Library Board she is a professional story teller and for 20 years has performed in libraries throughout the country, she is also a K-8 librarian in a Chicago Public School. Ms. Stone proceeded to show, on power point, what will be the plans by Nagel Hartray Architects of record for the current building and who are partnering with Architecture Is Fun, specialists in facilities for children. They added dynamic designs with modular components that can change to maintain a child's interest and can also be changed throughout the years as the library grows. The proposed plan is to make the entire first floor the children's youth services library that will allow the 30,000 books which are currently not able to be shelved and will allow for growth as well. It can also be more flexible to allow for changing needs. There is an area for toddlers that has a garden theme that will be carried out through the youth services department with padded seats for parents of toddlers and babies with space for puppet shows and props allowing children to have the ability to imagine. Ms. Stone went on to show plans for an area for older children which doubles as a story telling space and seating for casual reading. There will be a craft area that will have classes where groups from schools, day care centers, the YMCA, etc., can be brought in and where parents and children can work together, a way to bring in adults who might not otherwise come to the library and hopefully will also become patrons of the library. This is also a way to allow children to imagine and to visualize and respond to literature other than just reading. A plan for the second floor was shown where the first floor browsing collections will be put. The third floor plan shows where the young adult section will be as it is very important that teens have their own space for things like poetry slams and readings and group

meetings. The periodical section can now be made smaller because the library has purchased so much electronic resources that much space for periodicals is no longer needed. The space for the teen area is separated from both the children's room and the adult reading room which is the key to the plan as it will provide young people free space to congregate, read, study, and participate in programming especially for teens. There is a little stage in the area for reader's theater, poetry slams, etc., space for serious study, space for recreational reading, and multimedia facilities and computer space.

**Brooke Roothaan**, Youth Services Public Librarian at Lincolnwood Public Library and a mother of a young child said they have already done some reductions and scope to this budget. This schematic design pricing originally came in at 3.5 million dollars, however through applying value engineering we've done a reduction of 1.1 million dollars to this budget. We've cut the budget as much as we can without losing the integrity or the substance of the project. Currently our proposed project budget is at 2.4 million dollars. We have come here tonight to ask for a proposed increase in CIP funding of \$440,000. The Library Board has increased the library funding by taking more than \$60,000 more of our endowment income, \$90,000 from book sale income, and increased our private fundraising goal by \$100,000. We already have a capital campaign steering committee in formation chaired by Mike Weston, who has run other successful fundraising campaigns.

**Mike Weston** remarked that most of the project will be funded from public and library sources. For the library to raise \$440,000 is a significant increase over the private funding that it has done in the past, although it's been done, its been modest and has been highly successful and very well supported. In light of that and the attractiveness of the project, as soon as we get the go ahead from the City that the public money will be in place, we are ready to formally begin the private fundraising campaign and he has every confidence that it will be successful.

Ms. Terry thanked everyone for their time tonight and said their goal in this project is to reinvent a portion of the library based on what experts have learned over the last 10 years about how to serve our children better. They're asking for the Human Services Committee's support in the literacy of their youngest readers, the growing use of the library by families throughout Evanston, giving Evanston teens a unique place to gather and work and express themselves with the written and spoken word. They'd love to have your continued support and if they can answer any of your questions would be happy to do that.

Alderman Tisdahl asked for further explanation of why a craft area is needed and how many of the other libraries referred to have this. Mr. Ney said he does not know how many but does know the youth space in Oak Park, Schaumburg and Skokie all have this. One fairly common practice is to actually have parent and child come in, get a craft project and put it together. Ms. Stern we are learning more through brain base research that children need to learn through their entire bodies. Ms. Roothaan thought our aim is to be a destination, we are competing against Borders and Barnes and Nobel and the library is a place for learning and development with no money spent. Ms. Stone added we're competing with children's museums, shopping malls, and places to have fun, and we need to be up to date.

Alderman Holmes asked what if any effect or impact would this have on the branch library. Mr. Ney did not know that there is any immediate direct impact, branch use dropped slightly when the main library opened. There might be a slight impact of use but there are branch improvements in the plans as well. When the space adjacent to North Branch is sold, early next year, \$200,000 of that money will go towards this project and anything above that is reserved for branch improvements. Alderman Holmes asked if anything is in the plans for the West Side to which Mr. Ney responded, that's what Rick's doing.

Alderman Wollin had some concern about the lobby area being revised to make room for the children's room entrance, particularly the precious public art piece of glass in the lobby. Mr. Ney said it will remain in the lobby but the two window sections will be moved slightly apart to make way for the entrance. Alderman Wollin also noted the reference to the terrazzo flooring. Mr. Ney said some of the terrazzo will have to be taken out and replaced elsewhere in the course of the construction. Alderman Wollin asked how you're going to interweave your fundraising campaign with the capital campaign or do you think they can exist side by side. Mr. Westin thought the capital campaign is asking for significant one shot contributions, the fund for excellence will continue and its continuance is essential because at this point it's about a quarter of our materials budget. Alderman Wollin thought it sounds as if you don't need any more books because you have so many more books than you have space for and assumes the fundraising was for materials.

Alderman Moran understands you're looking for an expression of confidence from this committee as well as the Administration and Public Works Committee to pass on your contract to begin the design work. In a relatively short time frame our library has taken on iconic status within the community and perhaps even outside the community. It's a tremendous facility to the City and the idea of providing library services is one of the great egalitarian acts that a City can engage in open and free to everyone. It's clear to him that in order for us to engage our younger citizens and build a foundations upon which they'll go forward with and improve their lives we need to stay state of the arc. He would like to

advocate to his fellow committee members that we make an expression of confidence in this project. It's an aggressive amount of money but feels this is money well spent.

He appreciates that there many different funding sources that will contribute to this and feels confident the amount of money needed to do this will be raised and he for one would like to be part of that from the City's standpoint and would suggest we express confidence in that. We're being asked to make an expression that we're willing to commit some additional, \$440,000 CIP funds in the near future. Mr. Ney said the CIP Committee laid out a plan spreading this over 3 years, \$800,000 was the original commitment, plus an additional \$440,000, not all in one fiscal year. He thought the proposal for the CIP next year is \$6,500,000 and then \$10,000,000 the year after that.

Alderman Tisdahl stated the most you can get from her is a tentative commitment, she would like to support this but before making any commitment needs to know what it is that we're not going to do, what we're going to cut and not going to fund from the CIP budget so that we can do this. The plans are wonderful, but she has a no interest in reaching out to families who are able to go the Barnes and Nobel and combating Barnes and Nobel. She has a great deal of interest in reaching out to children who are not getting books at all and would like to see a third plan as part of this that will draw children into the library to be sure those children not accessing the library now are reached out to and brought in. Ms. Stone agreed with Alderman Tisdahl and said they talked about finding funds for getting busses for all Evanston Public School children K-12 to visit the new Children's Youth Services room at least once so they know where it is and see how wonderful it is.

Alderman Holmes said she also can commit to supporting the concept and the plan. Right now she can't support it dollar wise because she does not know what that is, it's a great plan particularly the areas for teenagers and early childhood.

Alderman Moran asked what the time line is in terms of how you hope to progress. Mr. Ney responded they're ready to begin work on construction drawings but did not want to do that if there wasn't going to be the ability to do the project. They met with the City Manager who suggested they come here and if there was support for the project the City Manager said it could be funded over multiple years. Our next step would then be to go to the Administration and Public Works Committee with the contract for construction drawings. Alderman Moran gathered from those remarks you're ready to go now.

Alderman Holmes said she needed to understand why the library has come to the Human Services Committee for approval.

Mr. Terry wanted to clarify that the legislative history of this project is in this committee. It just occurred to him that perhaps minutes of previous discussions should have been included, and he apologizes for that omission. The policy direction relative to this project has rested with this committee since its inception.

Alderman Moran remarked Alderman Tisdahl is not prepared to commit, to which Alderman Holmes added she is not also prepared to commit dollars. Alderman Tisdahl asked Alderman Moran if he's saying that the three of us on the committee could okay \$400,000. Alderman Moran responded we're being asked to make a demonstration of support for the project, but its not there. They need to know that this committee has the history of dealing with the project, the City Manager has told the Director of the Library if they can't get the support from this committee he should not come to A &PW.

Alderman Wollin asked when the Library Board expects to come to A&PW with the cost of construction plans as you do not want to pay for the plans unless you are able to go forward. Mr. Ney said construction drawings are somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and would be paid for out of the grant received from the Illinois State Library. We need to spend that money, if we do not spend that money we have to give it back. The next step would be development of construction drawings which could be used at a later date if there was a change in the CIP plan. At this point the project is in the proposed CIP for funding over the next 3 years that will be coming to the Council. Alderman Tisdahl remarked it's premature for us to make a decision not knowing the facts about the budget and CIP. Mr. Ney wanted to clarify if what he was hearing was that you would rather not have us proceed until after the CIP is approved in February? Alderman Moran said that is not what he's saying, that might be what Alderman Tisdahl and Alderman Holmes are saying. The other option is politically you get 5 votes to do this at some point before February 28<sup>th</sup>, then you can come to A&PW with a proposal for a contract on the plans. The City Manager's direction is sensible but the only other question is whether there is a plan B.

Alderman Tisdahl noted she received this packet Sunday night and had no time to discuss with Bill Stafford or her colleagues on the City Council what we wouldn't do if we did do this. She can look at everything given her, she can listen to you're presentations which she thinks are good, your plan is wonderful, what she can't do is put it in the context of the over all budget as she has not had time to do that. Until she knows where the money is coming from she can't sign off on the money.

Alderman Moran thanked everyone for their presentation; hopefully you will hear more from us before February 28<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Holmes asked if they have the option of coming back in December when there will be all five member of the

Human Services Committee. Alderman Moran said if the Library Committee comes back to this committee before February 28<sup>th</sup> we will make it a special order of business and you will not have to show the power point again.

## **VI. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT IN THE REGULATION OF USE OF THE LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE 124-O-45**

**Richard Prince, 2823 Harrison**, was present from the side of the industry and is for this ordinance. He's happy to see this is being looked at and brought more up to date but still feels this it is the one piece of equipment used as a tool of the trade that is being singled out. Alderman Moran noted this was his idea and he has done a lot of background on this issue. Mr. Prince said we know this hasn't been looked at for quite a while and would like it to be understood that this is a single tool called the backpack blower. A little thing the men walk around with that has a little tube and sweeps things up a lot quicker. This is not the push blower we use which for all intensive purposes is equivalent in decibels it is not higher. It's good to see that the City of Evanston is taking another look at it. From the standpoint of a contractor we can't start using this until 9:00 a.m. where all other tools of all other contracting trades can start at 7:00 a.m. He and others in the industry would like the opportunity to open this time zone a little bit. In previous minutes he saw they started at 10:00 a.m. considered 8:00 a. m. and compromised at 9:00 a.m., and asks you to consider moving that start time back as it would help out a lot of people. From an economic standpoint the advantage of these blowers is about 10 to 1 for efficiency. For every hour those tools are being used its saving 10 hours in physical man time and labor which is a more economical option for all the people who use our services.

Mr. Gaynor recalled that Alderman Jean-Baptiste made a reference to staff to have the Leaf Blower Ordinance looked at. The Environmental Board originally looked at it in the 1990's. Steve Lupton, one of the Chairs of the Environmental Board, is present tonight and is happy to respond regarding the research that was done by a sub-committee.

**Steve Lupton, Co-Chair of the Environmental Board**, introduced Len Sciarra the other Co-Chair. Mr. Lupton stated at the initiative of Alderman Jean-Baptiste they were charged to two aspects of this. Firstly, in 1996 technology on leaf blowers changed in the efforts to make them more efficient at a lower noise threshold. Secondly, to look at what other communities in Illinois and nationwide have done with regard to leaf blowers and the noise issue. There has been a response on the part of the manufacturers to the issue of noise with leaf blowers and a number of manufacturers produce systems that have a decibel rating of 65 or lower. This rating is certified by the American National Standards Institute, if the blower is used with the correct attachments it will generate a noise a level of 65 decibels or lower. To put that into perspective a noisy office is about 60 decibels so 65 decibels would be like background street noise on a busy street. Other communities have adopted the 65 decibel level and only allow leaf blowers with that rating or lower to be used in their community.

**Len Sciarra, Co-Chair of the Environment Board**, remarked not all manufacturers need to make their equipment comply, if they do make their leaf blower and test it according to standards that is labeled on the leaf blower itself which we felt was a fairly easy enforcement mechanism. All leaf blowers do not meet these requirements. Alderman Tisdahl asked if most of the new leaf blowers meet this standard and was told they do not but there is a big push to get them on this level as many communities are adopting a regulation similar to what we propose. Our regulations are a little unusual compared to other communities in banning leaf blowers outright between a certain period of the day. Most communities do a time restriction from early in the morning to the afternoon combined with the noise restriction on the blowers themselves. If Evanston wanted to follow along the lines of what other communities are doing, then it would be best to adopt a restriction on the type of noise blowers and some sort of restriction on the hours during the day.

Alderman Moran questioned the trend toward these 65 decibels that is not now necessarily the standard in the industry. When we first started working on this about 12 or 13 years ago the Environment Board was frustrated with how to enforce this. If we pass the law we might also get some compliance. Alderman Moran asked if this is a standard and how long has it been the standard. Admittedly we have difficulties with enforcement between the Police and the Parks Staff that do other things, we don't have enough staff to go out and find whether or not they're in compliance. The new generation of blowers has this stamp on them and we won't have anybody to check to see whether the stamp is on the blower. How can we be sure someone is following that standard? Also, were people in town surveyed about this? Mr. Sciarra responded there was no open meeting or public hearing as was done the last time; they just talked with a couple of landscapers. Alderman Moran remarked from the number of calls from his constituents this is still a noise issue in town. Mr. Lupton noted at the moment there is no regulation on the noise level of the equipment that's being used or when you are allowed to use a leaf blower, in Evanston you can use any leaf blower you like. If you had a restriction on leaf blowers that would then set a precedent that at least landscapers would know that in Evanston you should plan on purchasing and using the low noise level equipment. One suggestion that was discussed, but voted down in their committee, was the possibility of the City registering landscapers. Then any landscaper that does business in Evanston would get an information packet outlining the regulations on the use of equipment, not necessarily leaf blowers, but lawn mowers or anything else, along with safety precautions and specifications. Anybody doing business in the City of Evanston could not say they did not know about the ordinance as they would have been given the regulations.

Alderman Moran recalled that at one time they got close to adopting a licensing registration but that got into the enforcement issues and somehow could not get past the goal line. If you just write somebody a ticket they pay it and go on, but if they have a license that could be revoked through repeated violations you then have some leverage. Mr. Sciarra said there were some who wanted to ban leaf blowers entirely and use rakes, we're trying to have a balance between businesses and home owners and think this is a happy medium.

Alderman Moran was not comfortable going ahead with this without a little broader discussion within the community about what the significance of this change would be. Alderman Holmes asked about the registration, to which Mr. Lupton responded it is not going to be recommending because the majority of their Board was against this. Alderman Tisdahl said she has found this to be the most unenforceable ordinance we have in the City of Evanston and she absolutely hates unenforceable ordinances, therefore she supports these changes because it gives landscapers the option they want. Mr. Gaynor noted other discussions at the Environmental Board included the enforcement issue was going to be kept whether or not the ordinance is modified. If there is licensing it still becomes enforcement issue, which by the time the complaint is made the landscape company has probably left the scene. Whether it's left the same or not enforced is difficult. Alderman Moran said it may be hard to enforce but he believes most people try to follow it because it is the law.

Mr. Prince wanted to add technology is constantly changing and the blowers used are not long lasting pieces of equipment, they tend to get replaced every year. Homeowners will not buy industry specific equipment leaf blowers and the fact they are not turning over so quickly may help technology lower the noise level. There are no where near as many loud level leaf blowers as when this project began 12 years ago.

**Alderman Moran called for a motion to approval of the amendment in the regulation of use of the Leaf Blower Ordinance 124-O-05. Alderman Tisdahl motioned approval, seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion approved 2-1, Alderman Tisdahl and Alderman Holmes voted yes, Alderman Moran voted no.**

**VII. CONSIDERATION OF CITY MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAKE MICHIGAN ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Mr. Lupton spoke on behalf of the Environmental Board and noted the Lake Michigan Ecosystem Partnership is composed of individuals as well as elected officials and organizations including City governments that act in an advisory role in spending the State of Illinois Natural Resources Grants for ecosystem restoration. Membership in this partnership would enable the City of Evanston not only to be part of an organization that puts proposals to the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources on the funds to spend on various projects involving environment restoration and improvement along the Lake Michigan shoreline, but also gives the City a role in selecting which of those grants get funded and where it would like the state to spend the money. It enables the City to be part of an organization to argue on the merits of proposals of other organizations or individuals associated with the City, such the Environment Board that make proposals to the state, to do restoration on. There is no monetary fees or dues to be part of this it is just the commitment on the part of the City to nominate somebody in the Parks and Recreation Department to be their liaison or representative on this group.

**Alderman Moran called for any further discussion, hearing none called for a motion to approve City membership in the Lake Michigan Ecosystem Partnership Program. Alderman Tisdahl motioned approval, seconded by Alderman Holmes, motion unanimously approved (3-0).**

**VIII. PROPOSED TENANT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EVANSTON AND THE ACTOR'S GYMNASIUM FOR STUDIO 104 IN THE NOYES CULTURAL ART CENTER**

At this time Mr. Gaynor introduced Jeff Cory the new Cultural Arts Director to the Human Services Committee and those present at the meeting.

**Alderman Moran called for any discussion, hearing non called for a motion of approval for the proposed tenant lease agreement between the City of Evanston and the Actor's Gymnasium for Studio 104 in the Noyes Cultural Art Center. Alderman Holmes moved approval, seconded by Alderman Tisdahl, motion unanimously approved (3-0).**

**IX. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FIRST NIGHT EVANSTON'S REQUEST TO STAGE A FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE LAKEFRONT (NORTH OF CHURCH STREET NEAR CLARK STREET BEACH) ON DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Mr. Gaynor stated this is 7 minute display that will take place exactly at midnight. This is almost a carbon copy from last year, same street closures, there will be staff by the barricades for residents to get in or out of their driveways so there will be little if no disruption.

**Alderman Tisdahl moved approval of First Night Evanston's request to stage a firework display the Lakefront December 31, 2005. Alderman Holmes seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved (3-0).**

**X. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION 72-R-05 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE EVANSTON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S HOLIDAY FUND FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 42**

**Alderman Holmes moved approval of Resolution 72-R-05 authorizing acceptance of a donation to the Evanston Human Relations Commission's Holiday Fund from American Legion Post 42. Motion seconded by Alderman Tisdahl and unanimously accepted (3-0).**

Alderman Moran commented thanked Ms. Haynes for helping us get some money to help out needy folks around the holidays and thanked the American Legion for their donation.

**XI. REPORT ON PRISONER REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS (REFERENCE FROM ALDERMAN JEAN-BAPTISTE)**

Alderman Tisdale noted this item should be held until Alderman Jean-Baptiste was in attendance.

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A) SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The committee congratulated Ms. Haynes on the good work done the summer.

**B) PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING (REFERENCE FROM ALDERMAN JEAN-BAPTISTE)**

Mr. Terry remarked that since this memo came out he and Alderman Jean-Baptiste had a discussion and there are no outstanding issues.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Trotsky, Department of Health & Human Services