Northwestern University / City Committee
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
7:00P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
Joan Barr Smith Aldermanic Library, Room 2750

MINUTES

Members Present: Alderman Judy Fiske, Nim Chinniah (Northwestern University),
John D’Angelo (Northwestern University), Dave Shoenfeld
(Community Representative)

Staff Present: Alan Anderson (Northwestern University), Bruce Lewis
(Northwestern University), Erika Storlie (Deputy City manager,
Diane Kerston (Administrative Assistant)

Citizens: Kiera Madden, Jeanne Lindwall, Linda Damashek, Mary Swign,
Bruce Grenbach

Presiding Member: Alderman Fiske

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present Alderman Judy Fiske calls the meeting to order at 7:00
PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of January 27, 2016
Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2016 are approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS
None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   1 (a) Truck Screening at Foster CTA Stop
Ald. Fiske asks Northwestern for an update on the progress of the truck
screening issue by the Foster CTA stop. Alan Anderson (Northwestern
University) and John D’Angelo (Northwestern University) explain that
Northwestern has moved the trucks and vans to the south end of the parking lot
which will improved sightlines and resolve the safety issues.
1 (b) Landscaping on Long Field
Alan Anderson (Northwestern University) updates the committee on the plan to provide landscaping to the parkway to block the view of the dormitory at 560 Lincoln. The goal is to make this project a joint effort between the City and Northwestern University. He has spoken to resident Kiera Madden and they will coordinate with Erika Storlie and the landscape architects from both the City and Northwestern University (who is currently on vacation). Ald. Fiske suggests that if Ms. Madden can wait until the Northwestern landscape architect returns from vacation, she believes that it will be beneficial to have them there. Ms. Madden agreed and will notify her neighbors of the progress.

1 (c) Roycemore School renovation (640 Colfax)
John D'Angelo (Northwestern University) notifies the committee that the third and final approvals have been received from the City and historic preservation to start work on replacing the exterior and roofing on the building at 640 Colfax. Northwestern has two architects working with them to restore the building properly and bring it back into the facilities inventory for the university. The plan is to use the property as an administrative building for Northwestern, e.g. office space for the Northwestern basketball team staff while the arena is being redone. Ald. Fiske asks if the old gymnasium is still at the Roycemore property. John D'Angelo explains that is still there, but in poor condition as well. Ald. Fiske suggests that after renovation, it could possibly be used as a community center for the surrounding residents. John D'Angelo explains that they are currently working with consultants to determine the best use for that space. The main building at 620 Colfax is not in as bad shape structurally as the previously discussed smaller house on the property. Nim Chinniah (Northwestern University) explains that first they will assess the main building’s structural condition, and then make a decision on its use, while ensuring that it does not deteriorate further. Ald. Fiske expresses her confidence in Northwestern’s ability to properly use and maintain its historic buildings.

Additional Comments
 Resident Mary Swign addresses the committee. She asks if Northwestern is aware that by keeping construction materials in the Northwestern parking lot at Church Street/Judson Ave, they are in violation of the R1 zoning regulations. John D’Angelo (Northwestern University) explains that they currently have a permit to use the space as a staging area for the lighting improvements that Northwestern is currently working on. However, he will look into finding another location to store the materials. Deputy City Manager Erika Storlie will follow up with Ms. Swign and John D'Angelo.

Ald. Fiske brings up an issue raised by the school district regarding the increase in rental housing in Evanston. The school district is concerned due to the fact that rental housing typically does not bring a lot of children. The number of developers wanting to build in Evanston continues to grow. How much rental
housing is really needed and how does student housing impact that demand? Nim Chinniah (Northwestern University) tells the committee that Northwestern is currently researching and analyzing the data to determine the student housing needs. As each resident hall is renovated, the other halls have been prepared to handle the displaced students. Currently first and second year students occupy campus housing, but there is a possibility of extending that if the demand is there. Northwestern is also taking the fraternity and sorority housing into consideration as that provides roughly 500 beds. Northwestern will continue to monitor the housing trends to determine the housing needs and its impact on the City.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBA

Submitted by:
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