Northwestern University / City Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
7:00pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Joan Barr Smith Aldermanic Library, Room 2750

MINUTES

Members Present: Nim Chinniah (Northwestern University), John D’Angelo (Northwestern University), Tom Gemmell (Community Representative), David Schoenfeld (Community Representative)

Staff Present: Alan Anderson (Northwestern University), Bruce Lewis (Northwestern University), Erika Storlie (Deputy City Manager), Susie Hall (City Manager’s Office)

Presiding Member: Tom Gemmell

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present Tom Gemmell, Community Representative, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Alderman Judy Fiske is not feeling well and is absent from the meeting. She has asked Tom Gemmell to Chair the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Meeting minutes from September 19, 2017 are approved, after the correction of the name Bruce “Grenbach” to “Enenbach” is made.

3. NEW BUSINESS
Tom Gemmell asks Northwestern University (NU) representatives for an update on ways that the University works financially with the City of Evanston. Does NU make financial contributions? Is the Good Neighbor Fund $1 million for 5 years, and how many years are left?

Nim Chinniah, Executive Vice President of NU, states that 2 more payments will be made through the Good Neighbor Fund. Mr. Chinniah says that Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, and NU President Morton Schapiro meet each year to discuss and accept the
recommendations on how the funds will be used. The City then does a press release so the public is notified.

Mr. Gemmell asks if NU has any new plans for building/construction. John D'Angelo, Vice President of Facilities Management at NU, confirms NU does not have any plans at this time. Mr. Gemmell says that resident Bruce Enenbach says Thank You for working on his concerns, although he continues to still have issues.

Dave Schoenfeld, Community Representative, says that the “No Parking” signs have been taken down near Emerson, but parking is still cramped. Mr. D'Angelo says that NU had dumpsters on University Place and needed Sherman Ave for load-in at the construction site. Construction is to be complete by Friday, December 22, so that should free up spaces. Mr. Schoenfeld also notes that there are a lot of buses that are staged on Emerson, and is wondering if NU can find another place. Mr. Chinniah says that he will inquire as to why NU buses are holding in that location. Alan Anderson, Executive Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations at NU, says that he will check on using Englehart Hall parking lot.

Mr. Gemmell notes that the Roycemore construction looks complete and asks if NU will be starting on the surrounding area. Mr. Chinniah says they are not doing any other construction at this time. Mr. Gemmell says the building looks good, and appreciates that the new windows have the same look as the old ones and that the new ADA ramp looks nice. Mr. Chinniah advises to look at the building behind the Kresge Hall building. NU is trying to make all ADA ramps go into the same door as the main entrance so all people in a group can stay together. In addition, NU is also working on handicap seating at every section in the new Welch-Ryan arena. Mr. D'Angelo, says they are trying to get rid of ramps altogether by making the door street level.

Mr. Gemmell inquires if NU has any new properties, and Mr. Chinniah confirms they have not purchased any new properties.

Mr. Chinniah says that NU is working on completing the indoor sports facility in January, the entire outdoor sports area by August, and Welch-Ryan by next season. Mr. Chinniah advises the next project, a Social Sciences hub, wouldn't begin until next summer at the earliest. After that, NU may work on “thoughtful renovations” around campus. The first house they would want to take on is the Black House.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS-** None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by:
Susie Hall, Executive Assistant