

## Observer Report

**Council or Committee:** A&PW

**Date:** 05-14-2007

**Observer:** Sue Brenner

**Aldermen Absent/Present:** All Present except Alderman Rainey (food poisoning)

**Staff Present:** Staff representatives from most departments

**Media Present:** Evanston Review, Evanston Roundtable

**Citizens Present:** 4 people who had liquor licenses up for approval

**Meeting Began:** 5:35 PM

**Meeting Ended:** 6:35 PM

### Significant Discussion, Action Taken:

Minutes Approved

All items on the agenda were approved for the consent agenda. These included contracts for consulting services for a revised downtown plan and lakefront plan both with EDAW, inc., resurfacing plans, a bid to haul and dispose of debris from the Water and Sewer and Streets and Sanitation contractors, and authorization of surplus city owned property to Belize City, and increasing liquor licenses for three new restaurants (all where other restaurants used to be).

### Interesting Discussion Items:

A&PW approved a proposal for a revenue control system and improvements that would have all three garages (Sherman, Maple and Church) operating on the same operating systems. This would allow every lot to have "pay on foot" machines so that people took their tickets with them and paid before returning to their cars. The plus for this is that credit cards could be used, all exits would be available at all times for exiting garages, and allows the city to collect all funds and the correct amount of funds because there is no "people error". It would also allow us to have fewer people on payroll at garages. The cost of the equipment would be paid back in 2.4 years. This was approved and placed on the consent agenda.

They approved purchase of library furniture which would be funded by the Library's "Room to Grow" fundraising campaign. Cheryl Wollin complimented the Library on their excellent fundraising efforts. This was seconded by all the alderman present.

The Evanston Police Department introduced their 2007 summer plans which includes the hiring of two additional outreach workers who would now number 4. They work with youth on the street to help channel them toward city recreational programs and basketball programs. The police also meet weekly to talk about hot spots and to make plans to deploy police to those spots more regularly.

