

Administration & Public Works Committee
January, 28, 2008

Observer: Judith Rosenthal

Aldermen present: Wollin, J.Baptiste(chair), Holmes, Rainey, Hansen

Staff: Several

Media: Review, Roundtable, N.U.Daily ! citizen present requesting liquor license

Meeting called for 6pm : began at 6:05. Meeting adjourned at 6:40

There was a very abbreviated agenda. All items passed by consent

Discussion:

Delays in issuance of liquor licenses are due to changes in the department that was issuing them falling far behind. Staff said there should be no further delays as they are now being issued by staff in the City Manager's office

Ald. Ann Rainey asked if the repair problems involving cracking concrete in the Sherman and Maple St. garages were due to poor quality of the material used. The staff member assured her that in the case of the Sherman Plaza garage, the problem was freezing and condensing water that shattered the concrete, and was difficult to avoid in this climate. The damage at Maple St.was due to faulty work of the contractors who are doing repairs at no cost to City.

Ald. Rainey also raised a question about the decision to close the lunch program for children at Elliot Park. She had visited the site and observed about 20 families bringing their children (presumably not all Evanstonians). Objections by the closest neighbors were about the trailer used for the lunch service being parked right in front of their building. Although the program has closed, staff said they would investigate the complaints further and report back at the next meeting.