

Administration & Public Works Observer Report
September 10, 2007
Observer: Judith Rosenthal

Aldermen Present: Ald. Wollin (served as chair due to Ald. Rainey's lateness), Aldermen Holmes, Hansen, Jean-Baptiste, Rainey.

Media present: Evanston Review

Meeting began :5:40pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:40 pm.

Citizens in attendance: A few, including Alderman Tisdahl.

Most Agenda items approved by consent.

Discussion of certain bills submitted for approval:

Alderman Wollin asked questions re; approval of contract with Kaleidoscope Group (\$25,600) hired to supply Diversity training to City employees. A spokesperson for the group said its goals were to provide all the staff with tools to improve community service and to enhance staff performance. Approved.

Alderman Rainey directed her questions to the Police Chief about exactly what the outreach teams in her ward were actually doing about the acknowledged youth problems (roving bands). She has had no reports that the teams had interacted in any way with youths and asked whether any records were being kept of specific contacts and actions taken. The Police Chief agreed that regular reports would be sent to Alderman Rainey.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste questioned the Police Chief re: funds requested (\$22,210) for planned improvements to the police practice range which would restore it to use. It was explained that the current ventilating system, 20 years old, no longer met OSHA standards, and as a result police were using a practice range in Glenview since 2006. Approved.

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