

OBSERVER REPORT

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2009

Meeting scheduled 7:00 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.

Meeting actually began at 7:55 P.M. and ended at 8:15 P.M.

All Aldermen present

Media: Evanston Now, Evanston Review

Observer: Ruth Singer

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Consideration of Approval for a Sidewalk Café for Type 1 Restaurant, Cozy

Noodles & Rice

Consideration of Approval for a Sidewalk Café for Type 1 Restaurant, Cozy Noodles & Rice located at 1018 Davis Street.

Approved Unanimously

(P2) Consideration of Approval for a Sidewalk Café for Bennison's Bakery located at 1000 Davis Street.

Approved Unanimously

Ald. Wolin asked that city personnel check that the proper square footage is maintained as she does receive calls from constituents that they are unable to navigate through the sidewalks. She was told that Property Standards does check.

(P3) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 31-R-09, for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Concept and Proposal

Consideration of a resolution to authorize the Community Development Department to submit an application for Neighborhood Stabilization

Program (NSP) funds to the State of Illinois for \$3,000,000. This application for funds must be submitted to the State of Illinois by May 4, 2009 at 2:00

p.m.

Dennis Marino said that we cannot receive funds directly. Monies re given to the state and are designed to address foreclosures, demolition, rehab or demolish land bank (?)properties

Tisdahl says two nonprofits have approached her about seeking funding for group homes

By taking over foreclosed properties and removing them from the tax roles.

Ald. Rainey said the whole \$3 million could be used just in her ward =Reba Place property, The Dobson property=We must be vigilant and on top of every penny spent.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste is concerned about the City being landlords. Rainey again stressed that we must be on top of these dollars. Hopes the banks will sell at discounted prices.

Ald.Holmes says that the staff must be creative.

Approved Unanimously