

Observer Report Form

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Council or Committee: City Council

Date: 6/09/08

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present/Absent: Absent Jean-Baptiste

Staff Present: Russell, Maree, Gaynor, Police Chief, others

Media Present: Review and RoundTable

Meeting Began. 8:40 pm

Meeting Ended: 9:50p.m.

No. of Citizens in Attendance: About 15

Announcements/Citizen Comment

Mayor asked aldermen if they had a copy of the Plan Commission's Rules and Administration. (?) Mayor introduced Rodney Green, the new City Clerk. Fountain Sq. will be rededicated on Saturday at noon. Bennett Johnson urged the Council to endorse the Citizen Review Board.

Significant Discussions, Action Taken:

- Citizen's Lighthouse request for additional funding was approved; Rainey voted "nay." Moran moved that a Task Force be formed to develop strategies for a comprehensive affordable housing plan. Wollin added that it should also examine rental housing. Motion passed.
- The concept of a Citizens' Advisory Board was passed. Rainey amended the original motion to specify that there be nine members, one from each ward saying that the original motion of 4-9 members is too loose. The purpose of the Board is to address "fear in the community" that there is racial profiling by the police.
- Bernstein was quite forceful in critiquing the Township Assessor's budget, probably from the long history of concern. Bernstein wanted receipts and explanations of intended plans, "credibility is an issue." Eckersoll had distributed a "paper" prior to the meeting, but that was not timely and probably didn't address all the items. The mayor chimed in, though in a much more southern way. Holmes pointed out that the budget would have to be approved at the next meeting and could not wait for approval by Human Services.

Call of the Wards Nothing significant.